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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN ST. BRENDAN'S COLLEGE, KILLARNEY ON WEDNESDAY, 7 JULY 2021

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH i COLÁISTE BHRÉANAINN, CILL AIRNE AR AN CHÉADAON, 7 IÚIL 2021

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. B. Cronin
Cllr. D. Grady
Cllr. M. Healy-Rae
Cllr. N. Kelleher**

**Cathaoirleach M. Moloney
Cllr. N. O'Callaghan
Cllr. J. O'Donoghue**

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Killarney MD Manager
Mr. J. Ahern	SEE Killarney MD
Mr. P. Corkery	Meetings Administrator
Mr. G. O'Brien	A/SEO Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement and Housing Estates Unit (<i>online</i>)
Mr. L. Brosnan	AO Environment (<i>online</i>)
Mr. V. Horgan	SEE Housing (<i>online</i>)
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services (<i>online</i>)
Mr. B. Teahan	Killarney MD Officer (<i>online</i>)
Mr. O. O'Shea	Press & Communications Officer (<i>online</i>)
Ms. M. Galvin	ASO Corporate Support

The Meeting commenced at 10.15am.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney took the Chair. The Cathaoirleach said it was a dark day in Killarney following the two people who tragically lost their lives the previous night. She expressed her sincere condolences to their families and asked that those present would observe a Minute's Silence.

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

21.07.07.01 (a) Cathaoirleach's Address

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney briefed the Members on the following matters:

Cathaoirleach's Report

- **Flesk Cycleway**
 - Officially opened on 10th June

- Works commenced in November 2020 and despite stoppages due to Covid, have finished in time for summer season
- Co-funded by the Department of Transport and the National Transport Authority (NTA)
- **Killarney Cycle Lanes Project**
 - Part 8 approval in place
 - Detailed design and tender documentation being advanced
- **Access road to Torc mountain**
 - Improvement works carried out – open to the public
- **Climate Action and Resilience Fund**
 - Funding provided to aid the Council in implementing road improvement projects
 - Funding of €300,000 allocated
- **Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund**
 - Funding provides for measures, which will enable people to utilise public spaces as Covid-19 restrictions are eased, such as:
 - Traffic Management
 - Road & street public realm improvements (urban areas)
 - Funding of €400,000 allocated
- **Kilcummin Loop Walk**
 - Works being carried out by Kilcummin Rural Development Ltd
 - Upgrade and enhancement of signage has been completed
 - Light drainage works due to commence shortly
- **4th July – Flag Raising**
 - Took place at Killarney Town Hall
 - Flags raised by Mayor Marie Moloney & Chamber President Niall Kelleher
 - Joint Chairmen of 4th July Festival Committee present
- **Tidy Towns Submission**
 - Submission lodged on Friday 2nd July
 - Emphasis on electronic entry and remote adjudication
- **Additional Parking**
 - It was noted that additional parking spaces had been sourced for Killarney Town for the duration that Bird's Amusements are in Killarney. 200 spaces will be available at the car park at the Church of the Resurrection in Park Road. Members thanked St. Brendan's Trust for offering their car park and they asked that it be advertised via the media and provide directional signage.

There was a debate by Members regarding the role of the Killarney Chamber of Commerce in the town.

Cllr. N. Kelleher wished to Propose a Vote of Sympathy to the family of the late Mrs Elisabeth Vincent, whose husband's family presented 11,000 acres of land and Muckcross House to the Irish State in 1932. Cllr. Kelleher acknowledged that the Vincent Family had provided a major asset to the town. Cllr. Kelleher noted that Mrs. Vincent celebrated her 100th birthday on 11th April.

Cllr. B. Cronin said that during his time as Cathaoirleach, he had the privilege of sending Mrs Vincent good wishes on her 100th birthday.

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

At this stage, Cathaoirleach M. Moloney left the Chair and Leas-Chathaoirleach N. Kelleher took the Chair.

21.07.07.01 (b) Confirmation of the Minutes

- (a) On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, it was agreed that Minutes of Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 23rd April 2021 be confirmed.
- (b) On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. J. O'Donoghue, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 5th May 2021 be confirmed.
- (c) On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, Seconded by Cllr. D. Grady, it was agreed that the Minutes of Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 18th May 2021 be confirmed.

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

- (a) To consider the adoption of the Draft Litter Management Plan 2021 - 2023 in accordance with the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Schedule 3, Part 1, Section 131A(No 33), which amends Section 13 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997.

Mr. G. O'Brien addressed the Members and said that the adoption of the Draft Litter Management Plan was a statutory process and a Reserved Function and details of same were set out for the Members in the cover note which had been forwarded to Members prior to the meeting. Mr. O'Brien advised that no submissions or observations had been received.

Cllr. B. Cronin Proposed the adoption of the Draft Litter Management Plan and said it was hugely important in the Killarney Municipal District that standards continue to be maintained and improved. He paid tribute to and recognised the tremendous input and work done by the local County Council staff in the Municipal District and the volunteers and Tidy Town groups and everyone who has given of their time to maintain and keep the standard that we have. He said much work undertaken goes unnoticed and he wished to recognise that and thank all the volunteers.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Proposal.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney returned to the meeting and took the Chair.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the work that had been undertaken when preparing the Draft Plan and he wished to be associated with the comments made by Cllr. B. Cronin. He referred, in particular, to the Tidy Towns groups and Meitheal who lead by example. Cllr. Kelleher welcomed the return of the Tidy Towns Competition this year. He referred to the "scourge" of dog fouling in the community and noted that disposable face masks were also becoming a scourge. He hoped that awareness could be heightened that dog owners need to be responsible for their dogs and waste on the streets.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney enquired if the mattress amnesty could be held again allowing members of the public to bring their mattresses to the Landfill free of charge. The Cathaoirleach wished to be associated with the remarks regarding dog fouling and also acknowledged the work carried out by volunteers in collecting litter.

Cllr. D. Grady wished to be associated with remarks by the previous speakers. He said a lot of work has been undertaken but more needed to be done. Cllr. Grady noted that dog fouling, disposal of face masks and plastic were a huge problem.

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

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

**Economic and Community Development
Report**

KILLARNEY Municipal District

7th July 2021

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

1. Local Enterprise Office

Grant Approvals

The next meeting of the Grant Evaluation and Approvals Committee takes place at the end of June and there are a number of projects from the MD up for consideration. Work is ongoing in project advisory support and preparation.

Trading Online Voucher Scheme

Demand for the scheme remains strong although this has slowed with the reintroduction of the 50% matched funding requirement. Work is ongoing in the drawdown of previously approved 2020 vouchers.

Upcoming Training Programmes

There is ongoing strong demand for training courses which continue to be delivered online. Courses currently available for booking include:

- How to advertise on Facebook and Instagram Level 1
- How to design eye catching graphics for your website and social media posts
- How to create marketing videos on a budget
- How to advertise on Facebook and Instagram Level 2
- Beginners Facebook marketing
- Beginners guide to search engine optimisation
- Brexit Mentoring – Ongoing
- Customs training webinars.

Other Activities

Demand for LEO supports remains high, with existing and potential businesses enquiring about grants, supports, mentoring, training and other services.

2. Community & Tourism Development

National Pride of Place Awards - Nominations for 2021

The purpose of the Pride of Place competition is to acknowledge the work being done every day by communities all over the island of Ireland. The competition is based on communities demonstrating directly to the judges their pride in their place by oral presentation, exhibitions of community activities and culture. The following

Category: Community Resilience

Entrant: KASI - Killarney Immigrant Support Centre

KASI, Killarney Immigrant Support Centre is based in Killarney, Co. Kerry. Their work has evolved from providing information, support and services to new communities to setting up social enterprises to extend their charitable activities. KASI has a community garden, it also provides healthy and affordable hot lunches to four schools in Killarney, where they used vegetables grown from their own community garden. In October 2020, KASI opened up a Café and a Zero Waste/Refill Store right in Killarney.

COVID 19 Emergency Fund Round 2 Allocation

Since the last meeting of Killarney MD, the allocation of COVID 19 Emergency Fund Round 2 has been made

The purpose of the grants is to provide funding to community groups to assist them:

- **adapt their services and operations to fit the new COVID-19 reality..**
- to **become more involved in the Government's 'Keep Well' campaign.**
- In some cases to provide support to groups (including those involved in the community call) with day to day running costs if needed.

The following are the groups that were assisted in the Killarney MD:

No.	Group or Organisation	Approved
		Funding
		Covid19 Emergency Grant Round 2 €
38	Barradubh Men's Shed	€500
39	Barraduff Community Field Organisation	€500
40	Kilcummin Rural Development	€1,200
41	Ballydribeen Residents Association	€386
42	Ballydribeen Residents Association	€500
43	KDYS Killarney	€1,000
44	Killarney Men's Shed	€500
45	Killarney Water Rescue	€500
46	Muckross Community Association	€500
47	Social Action Group Rathmore CLG	€750
48	Rathmore Community Council	€1,560

Killarney Destination and Experience Plan

The Killarney Destination and Experience Plan is still at draft stage. It is intended to be finalised for public display in the coming weeks. Fáilte Ireland have confirmed that the final draft will be presented to the Elected Members of the Killarney Municipal District, in advance of going on public display.

Meeting with Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce

A meeting of the MD Cathaoirleach, the MD Manager and the Killarney Chamber of Tourism & Commerce took place on 11th June 2021. Agenda items were:

- Update on KCC Capital Projects
- Update on Mobility Plans
- CCTV
- Shoulder Season Promotion, Customer Sentiment Survey, Purple Flag and Tidy Towns

3. Strategic Sites

Áras Pádraig

The Development Control Plan at the Áras Pádraig site will be completed by the end of Q3 2021.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would advise how many enforcement orders have been issued in the Killarney Municipal District and advise how long since the enforcement warning letters for these cases have been issued, how many of the order are in the Courts and the date that court proceedings for all these cases started. Of all the enforcement order and warning letters in the Killarney Municipal District Area, how many are for Airbnbs?

Reply: Kerry County Council's powers to deal with unauthorised development is set out in Part VIII (Enforcement) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2020. The process as set out provides for the serving of a warning letter within six weeks of receipt of a complaint under Section 152, which allows the recipient a four week period to respond. If no response is received and if the unauthorised development continues, an enforcement notice can be served under Section 154. Failure to comply with the terms of an enforcement notice may result in the instigation of Section 160 injunction proceedings in the circuit court. Depending on the severity of the planning breach, the enforcement process can commence with the serving of an enforcement notice or injunction proceedings. Where there are significant and real cases of non-compliance, the full rigour of the law is applied by the Enforcement Unit to ensure the integrity of the planning system is maintained

The following are the details in respect of Warning Letters/Enforcement Notices and Section 160 Injunctions served/commenced in 2020 and up the 29th June 2021:

Killarney MD				
	01/01/2020-31/12/2020	Current position	01/01/2021-29/06/2021	Current position
Warning letters	47 served	12 Concluded	73 served	2 Concluded
		35 Ongoing		71 Ongoing (57 which relate to short term letting)
Enforcement Notices	9 served	9 Ongoing	1 Served	1 Ongoing
S160	1	1 ongoing	0	

Cllr. Moloney said it is frustrating that builders who have received a warning letter asking them to cease work, sometimes continue to proceed with building works without having Planning Permission in place.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. J. O'Donoghue: That the Council would detail the progress made towards Taking in Charge of Church Close Estate, Black Road, Muckcross, Killarney.

Reply: The estate known as Church Close Gortagullane, Muckcross, Killarney was taken in charge by Kerry County Council on 16th December 2013.

A new Taking in charge application has been received for a 7 house estate at Gortahoonig, Muckcross. Killarney TIC/21/06 refers. This taking in charge application is currently being processed in accordance with our Taking in Charge of Estates Policy and has been referred for various reports from our Water Services and Roads Department. On receipt of these reports and surveys, a submission will be made to Irish Water in accordance with the Memorandum our Understanding. It is anticipated that these reports will be ready for submission to Irish Water in Quarter 3 of 2021.

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue – *“I believe this matter was raised previously by the residents of this estate. The Black Road has been taken charge of by the Council, as has another estate on the road, and it is my belief that much of the required infrastructure is already in place as per the original planning conditions. There is a fire hydrant in the estate which I believe could be in urgent need of modernising as it is likely no longer fit for purpose. I call on the Council to examine the possibility of taking charge of this estate.”*

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

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

Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: July 7th 2021

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Gerard O'Brien SEO

Blue Flag & Green Coast Award 2021

An Taisce confirmed the following beaches were awarded a Blue Flag for the 2021 bathing season.

1. Inch
2. Ballinskelligs
3. Ballybunion South
4. Ballyheigue
5. Banna
6. Derrynane
7. Fenit
8. Kells
9. Maharabeg
10. Rossbeigh
11. Ventry
12. White Strand
13. Fenit Marina

Additionally, the Portmagee pontoons run by Kilrush Maritime Ltd was also awarded Blue Flag status.

The following sites were awarded the **Green Coast** award for the 2021 bathing season.

- Beal Ban
- Castlegregory
- Littor
- Waterville
- Ballinskelligs

The blue flag season commenced on 5th June and 41 lifeguards are on duty on the blue flag beaches for the summer months.

Beach wheelchairs are also available free of charge at the following beaches

- Ballinskelligs
- Inch
- Banna
- Maharabeg
- Ballybunion

'GIVE YOUR LITTER A LIFT'

NEW CAMPAIGN TO STAMP OUT LITTER AT KERRY'S BEACHES

Kerry County Council recently launched a new anti-littering campaign encouraging anyone visiting the county's beaches this summer to 'Give Your Litter A Lift' and to ensure that coastal areas remain free of litter over the coming months. This campaign will also involve increasing the number/servicing of litter bins available at beaches across the county and placing newly designed signage at the blue flag beaches encouraging beach users to act responsibly by taking litter home.



County Clean Up Day

Now in its 9th year, a scaled down, covid compliant County Clean-up took place from 22nd to 30th May. Traditionally this wonderful county-wide community event was held on a specific day however this year it was extended to ensure compliance with Covid-19 public health guidelines. County Clean-Up took place with the support of Kerry County Council and KWD Recycling and in previous years 5,000 volunteers gathered 6,500 bags of litter on a single day in their own localities that left the county of Kerry looking spick and span.

Facilitated by KWD Recycling this year’s campaign saw 3,400 volunteers work in 200 “pods” fill approximately 1,800 bags with litter gathered from local roads. We wish to thank all the volunteers and participants who took part and to acknowledge the important role that volunteers, community groups and tidy towns committees play in keeping our county clean. We also want to acknowledge and thank KWD for their ongoing annual support for this event.

Joint Dog Patrols

The Litter Wardens, Dog Wardens and Enforcement Officers carried out 33 dog patrols during the period January to May where they discussed dog related issues (disposal of dog waste, licencing, effectual control etc) with 190 dog owners and established that 92% of owners had plastic bags for the disposal of dog waste.

Civic Amenity Site Transactions

Accumulative Waste Transactions for All Waste Stations

Year	Weighbridge Transactions	% of weigh bridge transactions as % of Total transactions	No. of bags transactions	% of bag tickets sold as % of total transaction	Total no. of Transactions
2021	6,262	11%	50,023	89%	56,285

Recycling – Accumulative Sales for All Stations

2021 Eco sense bags sales = 13,220

Accumulative Waste and Recycling Tonnage for All Stations

Year	Weighbridge Waste Tonnage (Incl Tkt Weight)	Recycling Tonnage for Eco Sense Bags
2021	894.07	212.36

Dogs Statistics January – May 2021

Number of Dog Licences Issued	5,516
Number of Dogs Fines issued	31
Number of dogs Rehomed	39

ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT PERIOD: JANUARY – MAY 2021	
Beach Bye Law Fines Issued January – May 2021	
No. of Fines Issued	32

Litter	2021
No. of Litter Complaints	443
No. of Fines Issued	41
No. of Fines Paid To-date	17
No. of Court Prosecutions	0
Total Amount Awarded	€0

Air - No. of Complaints Investigated	31
Air - No. of Court Prosecutions	0
Air - Total Amount Awarded	€0.00
Waste - No. of Complaints Investigated	188
Waste - No. of Court Prosecutions	0
Waste -Total Amount Awarded	€0
Water - No. of Complaints Investigated	77
Water - No. of Court Prosecutions	0
Water - Total Amount Awarded	€0

Fire Service

Business Unit Manager: Mr. Andrew Macilwraith, Chief Fire Officer

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were 321 mobilisations up to the end of May 2021 compared to 315 mobilisations for the same period in 2020. This represents a 2% increase in mobilisations.
- Gorse fires at 158 were up from 151 for the same period last year. This represents a 4.6% increase.
- Chimney fires were at 57 which is up from 42 for the same period last year. This represents a 36% decrease.
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 29 which is down from 36 for the same period last year. This represents approximately 20% decrease.

	2020	2021
	Jan-May	Jan-May
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	42	57
Gorse Fires	151	158
Other Fires	77	85
Total	270	300
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	3	4
Gas/Chemicals	0	1
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	6	5
Machinery	1	0
Miscellaneous	52	50
Other rescue	35	39
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	9	2
Road traffic accident	36	29

Water pumping/flooding	0	5
Total	142	135
<i>False Alarms Number</i>		
Malicious	1	4
Good Intent	62	71
Total	63	75
<i>Total Number of Incidents</i>	475	510
<i>Total Number of Mobilisations</i>	315	321

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- 1 Due to restrictions caused by the COVID -19 emergency, inspections by Fire Officers were limited to those considered to be absolutely essential. An inspection protocol has been put in place and Fire Officers were provided with additional suitable PPE to enable essential inspections of premises to be carried out as safely as possible.

Building Control:

- 2 The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of May 2021 was 235 valid Commencement Notices, which is a 48% increase on the same period last year.
- 3 The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of May 2021 a total of 34 No. Disability Access Certificate applications had been received representing a 15% decrease on the same period last year. A total of 44 Fire Safety Certificate applications were received, which is a 24% decrease on the same period last year.

Building Control Statistics.

<i>BUILDING CONTROL- DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received</i>	58	44
<i>Disability Access Certificate Applications Received</i>	40	34
<i>Commencement Notices Received</i>	159	235

Library Services

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

Library service:

- **Restoration of Library services**

Libraries re-opened to the public on Monday, 10 May. The following services are currently being provided: Browse & Borrow; Book returns; Photocopying. A Contact & collect service is also offered if requested.

Opening hours for Tralee, Killarney, Dingle & Listowel libraries: 10.00am – 5.00pm, Monday – Saturday. Castleisland, Caherciveen, Kenmare & Killorglin libraries: 10.00am – 5.00pm, Tuesday – Saturday, with lunch time opening when possible. Ballybunion library: 10.00am – 1.30pm & 2.30pm - 5.00pm, Tuesday – Saturday.

As of 15 June, public computers, daily newspapers, study spaces, research facilities and the Mobile Libraries service are not available as per government guidelines and it is intended that these will be restored on a gradual basis in line with national guidance. The Local History/Archives service is also closed but facilitates e-mail and phone enquiries.

The national online book request service resumed on Monday, 17 May & online services are available as usual at www.kerrylibrary.ie

- **Library Reading Initiatives**

- **Kerry Library and Right to Read Book Bag Project - connecting Early Learning and Care Centres with Libraries**

With funding received from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Inclusion and Youth (DECDIY) and the Department of Community and Rural Development (DRCDD), Kerry Library has recently engaged with the 134 Early Learning and Care Centres across the county, offering them a First 5 book bag [each ‘Little Library Bag’ contains 5 books, one in Irish and four in English] on long term loan and additionally a range of library merchandise. The books will target the 2.5 years to 5.5 years age groups. Each library will also hold book bag sets, available for lending by parents/guardians and/or to remain in the library for story times and reading events.

- **Kerry Library Adult Literacy Project**

Kerry Library has linked with the Kerry Educational and Training Board, the Killarney Immigrant Support Centre and the Tralee International Resource Centre to enable the distribution of a ‘Quick Read’s’ series of books for adults who need literacy support and who engage with current adult literacy initiatives. This initiative was made possible through Dormant Accounts Funding and Kerry County Council matched funding of €4,000.

Also included in the packs is information on current library services and on the free online Touch, Type, Read and Spell [TTRS] resource currently available via remote access at www.kerrylibrary.ie for users who wish to improve their literacy and language skills.

- **Summer Stars**

The Kerry Library Summer Stars reading programme 2021 will run from 12 June – 31 August. Normal book lending has resumed at each of the 9 libraries while there is also the option to use free downloadable e-books and e-audio books to add to the Summer Stars reading experience. Libraries will offer a range of reading supports, summer reading tips and recommended books for children. Details available at www.kerrylibrary.ie or at www.summerstars.ie
Summers Stars is part of the national Right to Read programme.

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme Status Summary at 24th July 2021

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

The following information has been provided by Irish Water.

The proposed Schemes in the Killarney Municipal District which are listed in Irish Water's national **Capital Investment Programme** (the CIP) **2020-2024** are outlined in the following tables:

<u>CIP WASTE-WATER PROJECTS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	Land and Wayleave negotiations are ongoing; to Tender for Contractor in late 2021 ; Construction in 2022 .
Killarney Drainage Area Plan	Consulting Engineer Arup has been appointed for the preparation of this Drainage Area Plan , and the Tralee, Listowel and Ballylongford DAPs. The actual survey of the Killarney network has been completed and the DAP Model is due for completion in late 2021.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS

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

<u>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Central Regional WSS Ballyspillane Killarney	Replace 220M of 250MM Asbestos Cement mains with uPVC 200MM pipe	€80,000	Complete
MKRWSS Crohane to Barleymount	Replace 1.6Km of 225MM AC mains with uPVC 200MM pipe	€290,000	Underway
Approximate Total of APPROVED works on hand		€80,000	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

Irish Water has no authority, responsibility, or involvement.

The national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021** was published by the DoHP&LG in late 2019.

Takeover of Group Schemes

Responsibility for the Takeover of Group Schemes has transferred to **Irish Water** since its inception, **and KCC is no longer legally allowed to take over these schemes.**

Irish Water has developed a protocol to govern the Takeover of Group Schemes. This Group Scheme had been served by its own upland stream source and the only treatment applied was disinfection by chlorination.

The work, carried out by contract, is complete on the **€1.2M project to connect the existing 50-house INCH-FOILDAUN GROUP WATER SCHEME to the Central Regional WSS at Glenflesk**, by the extension of the public watermain from the village, and the replacement of the 'internal' mains network of the GWSS.

The new domestic and farm connections to replace the old ones have now been completed by KCC's WSs staff for the 50 properties on the Scheme.

It is planned to submit the Application for **Take-Over** of the Group Scheme to **Irish Water in the coming weeks.**

Work has been completed by Council staff on the replacement of all the watermains on the **DROMADEESIRT GROUP SCHEME** (Kilcummin) and the connection of the Scheme to the public Central Regional Water Supply Scheme, thus discontinuing the use of the private well source. The 50 years old Scheme includes 1Km of 90MM water main and supplies drinking water to eight households.

KCC will submit the Application for **Take-Over** of the Group Scheme to **Irish Water in the coming weeks.**

FIND AND FIX PROGRAMME

This is a specially funded, nationwide, capital project which was set up by Irish Water in 2018 to search for leaks in the public water pipes and repair them.

The project involves the deployment of **three new Kerry County Council van crews** comprising one '**Find**' van crew and two '**Fix**' van crews. There is also the deployment of 3 van crews from Coffey Northumbrian Limited, the Irish Water appointed contractor whose '**Find**' van crews are helping in building a repository of potential leak locations for follow-on investigation and repair by the **Fix** van crews. The Find and Fix team is currently working on the Mid Kerry Regional WSS, and it is also intended to concentrate on **Killarney** in the coming weeks.

FIRST FIX PROGRAMME

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

COVID-19 WASTEWATER PLANT SURVEILLANCE

Irish Water is participating in a project, being run by **UCD** and the **National Virus Reference Laboratory** on behalf of the **HSE**, for monitoring influent to Wastewater Treatment Plants in large urban areas.

This gives a very comprehensive view of COVID-19 case levels in the major population centres across the country. The expectation is that the project may last for a period of at least 18 months. Weekly composite samples are taken and tested from each site.

Tralee and Killarney Wastewater Treatment plants are part of this project.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask Irish Water that due to a confirmed faulty meter which has been replaced for a customer, (details with Directorate) who is still receiving a bill for over €7,000, why after numerous representations hasn't this been rectified?

Reply: Irish Water has advised that a significant leak allowance has been calculated and it will be applied to the customer's account in the coming days. A refund will then be provided.

Cllr. B. Cronin welcomed the reply.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and said he was astounded that Cllr. Cronin had to put down this as a Motion as the matter had not been dealt with by Irish Water.

2. Cllr. J. O'Donoghue: To ask if automated monitoring of the water in the Folly Stream, down-stream of the Treatment Plant on Ross Road continues, and if not that it would recommence forthwith.

Reply: In 2012, the EPA issued a Wastewater Discharge Licence (WWDL) for the Killarney Agglomeration. As required under this licence, daily samples are taken manually both upstream and downstream of the wastewater plant by Kerry County Council Water Services staff. As per the licence, it does not require ambient samples to be automatically taken. Kerry County Council will liaise with Irish Water in relation to this request.

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue – “I am aware that the development of the treatment plant, around the time I was born myself, has helped save the Killarney Lakes from total destruction, which was imminent at that stage, and that the Folly Stream is a vital guide to all of us in relation to how well it is functioning, and that it being monitored on a regular basis is fundamental importance.”

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. M. Moloney: That members be updated on the D.A.P., Drainage Area Plan which is underway for the Killarney Area and when is it expected that this plan will be finalised.

Reply: The Drainage Area Plan for Killarney is being prepared by Arup Consulting Engineers on behalf of Irish Water. The steps involved in progressing the project include surveys of the existing network, building a computer model of the sewer system and then checking the response of the model to the expected different flow conditions. The Model will be complete and verified by the end of 2021. The DAP will be used to inform future required improvements to the network and inclusion in future investment cycles.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney welcomed the reply.

4. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and Irish Water what is going to be done to address the continuous water breaks on the main supply to Barleymount Reservoir? Has Kerry County Council requested emergency funding from Irish Water?

Reply: The service to Barleymount reservoir, on the Mid Kerry Regional Water Supply Scheme, has been interrupted on a regular basis over recent years, mainly due to 'bursts' on the 300MM trunk main along the Board of Works Road and also on the 225MM pumped pipe from Crohane to Barleymount.

Approximately 1,450M of the asbestos cement pipe has been replaced on the Board of Works Road in recent years, and a further 1.2km will be replaced in the coming weeks. A total of 1.6km of the Crohane to Barleymount asbestos cement pipe was replaced in 2019.

Irish Water has advised that they are considering Kerry County Council's request for further funding for the replacement of additional watermains at these locations.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae thanked the Water Services Section and Mr. F. Bartlett who ensures the reservoir is "built up" before running. She stated that there is still an issue there but welcomed the reply. Cllr. Healy-Rae asked when will the 1.2km work commence and what is remaining.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said that he has raised this issue on numerous occasions and stated that the Elected Members would continue to highlight this issue.

Mr. C. Mangan confirmed that the Board of Works road was going to commence in the next fortnight.

21.07.07.04 (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

16TH JUNE 2021

Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – KILLARNEY Municipal District.

1 Housing Applications

The Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2020 (which was deferred nationally from its normal early year completion to November due to Covid19) has just been completed. Members are aware that this is an annual exercise at this point. The total number of qualified applicants (excluding transfers) under the 2020 assessment for County Kerry is 2,183 (SSHA 2019 2,772). This data is at a fixed date. The full details will be presented to the Housing SPC at its January 2021 Meeting and will come back to Council by report from the SPC following that consideration.

The following details are point in time and current and updated details are provided at each MD Meeting.

The figures below include not only applicants who have Killarney as their primary area of choice but applicants in other parts of the County who have indicated that they may be interested in Killarney as not their primary area of choice but as one of their other areas indicated.

	No
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice *	1,316
Net Need for Killarney MD (excluding transfers) *	704
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice *	167
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice *	145

**(including from other MDs who have indicated Killarney as any one of their 3 areas of choices)*

Breakdown by Bed No.

The figures below include not only applicants who have Killarney as their primary area of choice but applicants in other parts of the County who have indicated that they may be interested in Killarney as not their primary area of choice but as one of their other areas indicated.

1-Bed	622
2-Bed	373
3-Bed	243
4-Bed	67
5-Bed	11
Total	1,316

2 Void Management

Municipal District breakdown	No
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	0
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	11
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	0
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	0
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	11

3 Social Housing Options

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	3	512
RAS	7	157
Leasing	10	78
HAP	34	269
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	54	1,016

4 Housing Construction / AHB Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
<u>Rathmore</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>8no. 2Bed</u> <u>12no. 3Bed</u>	<u>Dec 2019</u>	<u>Jul 2021</u>
<u>Rock Rd, Killarney</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>4no. 1Bed Apt.</u> <u>6no. 2Bed Apt</u>	<u>Sep 2020</u>	<u>Feb 2022</u>

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2021, 272 requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants (Private House Grants)

Since 1st January, 2021, 47 grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would advise members of how many housing voids are in Killarney Municipal District Area at the moment, advise of their location and also advise how long each unit has been empty and when they will be ready for allocation to tenants.

Reply: The number of Voids varies from day to day as properties are returned to KCC Housing usually due to the death of the tenant or the tenant may be transferred. For week ending 25th June 2021, the number of voids in the Killarney MD is 12.

10 are located in Killarney town and 2 in Rathmore:

- 1 became a void in 2019
- 2 in 2020
- 9 in 2021
- 3 are expected to be completed by September 2021
- of them are on the 2021 Voids submission (awaiting dept approval and must be completed in 2021)
- The remaining 3 voids will be examined and considered for future funding programmes

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney said it was disappointing that the Council had to wait for Department approval before commencing work to their own housing stock. The Cathaoirleach referred to a vacant dwelling in Pinewood that was not referred to in the reply and requested an update on same.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and asked how long does it take for houses on the void list to receive Departmental approval.

Mr. V. Horgan, SEE Housing replied that the house in Pinewood was on a different programme and not the void programme. He said it is hoped that this property will be progressed this year. In relation to Cllr. Healy-Rae's query, Mr. Horgan replied that normally, in March or April of each year, the Department would contact the Local Authority in relation to their plans for the voids that year and then Council then goes ahead with the works, i.e. the Council does not wait for Department approval before works commence. Mr. Horgan advised that the Council deal with 75 – 100 voids each year and the target for each void is a 12 week turnaround. This can vary and sometimes this target cannot be achieved due to varying factors.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney MD would set the wheels in motion to employ the following: a plumber, an electrician and a carpenter. We no longer have these employed and there is a long wait when we have to look elsewhere for them.

Reply: In relation to housing maintenance and repairs in the Killarney MD, these are all carried out by contract, procured from frameworks, and there are no reported issues with delays to their performance. There are no plans to alter this working arrangement at present.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the Council should consider employing these tradespeople and lead the way.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion. He stated that many people had emigrated who were qualified tradespeople and there is now a shortage of these people. Cllr. Kelleher stated that if the Local Authority is to lead by example, it should employ these qualified people. He noted that 80 houses were voids. It would be great to have these professionals to carry out such works. He said the Council should have the vision to do this and would get great value for money by employing them.

Cllr. D. Grady moved Notice of Motion No. 1 (Other Directorates) at this stage.

1. Cllr. D. Grady: Can we Killarney MD lead the way by offering apprenticeships to people wishing to learn a trade and that we would ask the appropriate authorities to provide this.

Reply: As advised previously, it is intended to develop an apprenticeship programme, notwithstanding delays with its interruption due to the Covid 19 restrictions and its impact on normal work arrangements, coaching/mentoring and training approaches. In this regard we are currently reviewing potential suitable work areas across the organisation and our HR Department has had union engagement and plans to engage with SOLAS, which has statutory responsibility for the administration and management of the Apprenticeship Programme, with a view to its advancement and having in place within the Council.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and said it was a very noteworthy Motion. She said that this Local Authority would be the first in the country to develop such a programme.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney MD investigate the new estate in Ballydribbeen, as there are many problems there.

Reply: This is an Approved Housing Body development by Clúid. Any issue arising should be referred directly to Clúid or if the Members wish to, Council can pass on any concerns to Clúid for them to deal with directly. We have advised Clúid that members have concerns about some estate management issues.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply and asked that his concerns be passed on to Clúid.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan stated that the joint task force, as discussed when his joint deputation with Cllr. N. Kelleher regarding Killarney Celtic was heard, is relevant in this instance.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the boundary works between Doirin Alainn and the newly built Clúid housing development at Ballydribeen be undertaken as clear commitments were given to me in a previous motion.

Reply: During the construction of the estate acquired by Clúid from a private developer, an issue arose whereby the existing boundary fence was undermined due to differences in ground levels between Doirín Álainn and the construction site. An

agreement was reached with Clúid that they would replace the fencing and they agreed a price with a contractor. The materials for the fence are on order and a start date will be notified to us by Clúid shortly.

Cllr. B. Cronin said this was an outstanding issue regarding separation of the boundary fence between that and the adjacent estate. He noted that Covid had delayed matters. He welcomed that the fence was on order. Cllr. Cronin said that this delay was causing a huge issue for the adjacent property on the Doirinn Alainn side. He advised that he had sent an email 3 weeks previous to Mr. F. Hartnett, SEE Housing on the matter.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

5. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Please provide a list of all the land banks available to the local authority in the Killarney MD.

Reply: The Kerry County Council landbank portfolio was outlined to the elected members at a meeting in January 2019 and in a subsequent follow up meeting in May 2019.

The land in the Killarney MD is as follows:

Address	Area (ha)	Status
Deerpark	9.56	Under consideration. Traveller accommodation project at this location will be advanced in 2021. Balance of lands being considered for post 2022 programme
Rock Road	0.34	10 x 2 bed apartments currently under construction and due for completion March 2021
Rathmore	1.07	20 units currently being completed and due for completion July 2021
Sara Lee site	1.06	Being considered for post 2022 programme
Upper Park Road (adj. Depot)	1.03	Under consideration

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the Upper Park Road by the Depot and asked when will a decision be made on that piece of ground.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

Mr. V. Horgan, SEE replied that he would revert to Cllr. Kelleher on this query.

21.07.07.05 (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: 7th July 2021

Director of Service: Charlie O'Sullivan

1. Road / Transportation

Measures	Project	Update
Major Schemes	N22 Farranfore to Killarney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scheme is at Phase 2 – Options Selection Stage and the first Public Consultation took place between May 14th and June 25th, 2021. The Consultation was undertaken using Online Technology, phonecalls and meetings by appointment 4285 visitors logged in to the virtual room, 259 queries were received, with 77 appointments made with the project team and 231 submissions received. The feedback and submissions from the Consultation will inform the Option Selection Process over the coming months.
Minor Schemes	N72 Stagmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The works are progressing well on this project. The recent road closure facilitated advanced construction of the scheme and substantial completion is expected by the end of July.
	N72 Forge Cross to Rathmore Pavement Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2: Roadstone Limited appointed in December 2020 and will commence on site in second week of July 2021.
	N72 Killalee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeological testing at Killalee Church has been completed to establish the feasibility of widening at this location to facilitate a pedestrian cycling facility. The Topo survey was completed in early June and the preliminary design is underway. Consultation to take place in Q3 2021.
Junction Improvements	N22 Lewis Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landowner Consultation is taking place on an alternative underpass with a view to procuring a consultant to detail a suitable sized structure at the crossing point. A Land Valuer has been appointed to progress the land acquisition and to commence engagement with landowners/ agents. Archaeological Testing will be carried out in Q3/Q4 2021.
	N22 Ballycasheen and Coolcaslough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for a pavement upgrade between MD O'Shea Roundabout and Coolcaslough Junction is anticipated for 2022 In addition to Junction improvements, proposals are also being developed to also introduce Active travel measures over this section. These measures would provide improved facilities for pedestrian and cyclists along this section and will integrate with other Active Travel proposals on the east side of the town.
HD15 / HD17 Schemes	N22 Cleeney to Madam's Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals are being developed to introduce Active travel measures from Cleeney Roundabout to north of Aghadoe Junction. These measures will provide improved facilities for pedestrian and cyclists along this section and will integrate with other Active Travel proposals south of Cleeney. Members will be briefed on the proposals in advance of the scheme going to public consultation in September
	N72 Golden Nugget to Gap Cross Cycle way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members will be briefed on the proposals in advance of the scheme going to public consultation in September
	N22 Poulgorm Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These Safety Improvement works are substantially complete.
	N71 Muckross Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility Report has received approval in principle from the TII. The project has progressed through the preliminary design stage and subject to approval will then proceed to the Statutory Process in 2021. Schematic options for Kenmare Place are developing.

	N72 Ballydowney to Gortroe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Arborist is undertaking a survey of the trees in the options area. Further surveys are being carried out in the alluvial woodland near the road edge to inform the assessment process. • Further Consultation with property owners will take place in Q3 2021.
	N22 Glenflesk Road Safety Improvement Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Indicator signs have been installed on either side of the village and have recorded current speed patterns since March without showing speed to drivers. Speeds are now being displayed to motorists with data still being recorded. Both sets of data will be compared to establish the effectiveness of the signs. • Further consultation will take place in Q3 2021 to find the optimum solution which facilitates Car Parking and Business/Church access.
	Vehicle Restraint Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This County Kerry Call Off-2 Safety Barrier Contract is substantially complete.

Regional and Local Roads
Restoration Improvement Programme

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation €	Status
R-876	Rock Road, Killarney Town	150,813	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-3018	Kilcummin Village	189,726	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-3010	Upper Park Road	83,581	Planned for 2021 Programme
R-876	Lewis Road, Killarney Town	145,200	Works Completed
R-877	New Street Lower, Killarney	80,370	Works Completed
L-7049	Arteegalvan	45,325	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-11326	Killarney Laneway (Hogan Lane)	25,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-7213	Killarney Laneway (Chapels Lane)	25,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-7055	Rathbeg - Awnaskirtawn.	100,000	Work Completed
L-7058	Church Road, Clonkeen	75,000	Works Completed
L-7067	Old Minish Rd	80,063	Awaiting 2 nd Surface Dressing
L-8001	Boolasallagh	111,184	Works Complete
L-2033	Park Cross to Finnegans Cross	107,250	Works Complete
L3010	Spa Road	180,000	Works Complete
L-3016	Abbey Cross Muckcross	220,500	Drainage Works Completed
L-11203	Tomies Road	147,000	Drainage works Ongoing

Restoration Maintenance Programme

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation €	Status
L-7055	Rathbeg - Awnaskirtawn.	25,200	Works Completed
L-7067	Old Minish Rd	22,275	Works Completed
L-11272	Church Road, Clonkeen	22,275	Works Completed
L-7058	Church Road, Clonkeen	11,138	Works Completed
R-563	German Flats to Crohane Fossa	66,423	Drainage Complete
L-3009	Finnegans Cross to Keane's Cross	44,550	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-11072	Clash Rd, Clash to Minish	21,600	Works Completed
L-3018	Woodline Cross to Speed limit	30,937	Planned for 2021 Programme

Supplementary Restoration Maintenance Programme

Road No.	Road Description	Allocation €	Status
L-7047	Tadgh Ryan Rd, Lissyviggeen to N72 Junction	38,475	Drainage Works Completed
L-3001	Ballymalis Cross to Ballymalis North Cross	30,870	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-7016	Glebe Cross to Dromadeesirt Cross	32,400	Works Completed
L-3023	Ballybrack Cross to Leamnaguilla Cross	58,050	Works Ongoing
L-3014	Shronebeg to Lisnagarve Cross	36,000	Drainage Works Completed, Awaiting S.D.
L-11087	CIS - Retro - Knockinane West	21,600	Drainage Works Completed, Awaiting S.D.

Community Involvement Schemes

Road Number	Road Description	Allocation €	Status
L-11149	Knockysheehan	118,218	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-11156	Doocarrig Beg, Headford	54,400	Awaiting 2 nd Surface Dressing
L-11209	Knocknahoe East	70,380	Awaiting 2 nd Surface Dressing
L-7056	Rathbeg, Rathmore	29,750	Planned for 2021 Programme

Drainage Programme

Road Number	Road Description	Allocation €	Status
L-11005	Lissavane East	10,800	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-11003	Lisheennashingane	10,800	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-7013	Cockhill	8,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-7011	Coolick	4,800	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-3014	Drom Headford	8,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-3013	Meentoges	8,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-7047	Tadgh Ryan Rd, Lissyviggeen to N72 Junction	7,461	Drainage Works Completed
L-7030	Annaghilymore	8,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-3004	Lawlors Cross to Rathcommane Cross	8,000	Drainage Works Completed
L-7016	Glebe Cross to Dromadeesirt Cross	6,000	Drainage Works Completed
L-3023	Ballybrack Cross to Leamnaguilla Cross	8,000	Drainage Works Completed
R-563	Bounds to Listry Br	6,000	Drainage Works Completed

Local Improvement Schemes

Project	Status
Muckross, Killarney (Old Kenmare Road)	Work near Completion
Doonkinane, Faha, Killarney	Planned for 2021 Programme

Town and Village Renewal

Project	Allocation	Status
Kilcummin Village	€125,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
Kilcummin Biodiversity Park	€25,000	Grant awarded
Killarney Town Placemaking	€40,000	Grant awarded

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme

Project	Allocation	Status
Old Kenmare Road into Torc Carpark – Enhancement Project	€200,000	Works near Completion

Active Travel Measure Allocations – DTTaS

Project	Allocation	Status
R876 Rock Road – Improvement and Widening of Pedestrian Facilities at Rock Road	€210,000	Works to Commence in 2021
2020 - Flesk Cycleway – Connecting Muckcross Road to Ross Road	€450,000	Works Complete
2020 - Killarney Town – Design of an interconnecting Network of Cycleways within Killarney Town	€150,000	Details Design Drawings and Tender Documents been prepared
2020 - Killarney Town – Provision of Cycle Parking Facilities within the Town	€20,000	Works to Commence in 2021

Active Travel Measure Allocations – NTA

Project	Allocation	Status
2021 - Killarney Town – Interconnected Network of Cycleways, Rock Road	€704,835	Details Design Drawings and Tender Documents been prepared
2021 - Killarney Town – Interconnected Network of Cycleways, Deer Park Road/Gael Scoil Junction	€113,500	Details Design Drawings and Tender Documents been prepared
2021 - Killarney Town – Interconnected Network of Cycleways, Gael Scoil Road/Chestnut Drive	€781,165	Details Design Drawings and Tender Documents been prepared
2021 Flesk Walkway & Cycleway	€550,000	Muckross Road – Racecourse Complete
2021 - R876 Rock Road – Improvement and Widening of Pedestrian Facilities at Rock Road	€300,000	Planned for 2021 Programme

Additional Outdoor Infrastructure Fund 2021 – NTA

Project	Allocation	Status
New Street Carpark – Road/Street Reallocation using Temporary Kerb to allow for Social Distancing	€10,000	Completed
R877 New Street – Road/Street Reallocation using Temporary Kerb to allow for Social Distancing	€10,000	Extension Completed - Awaiting Lining of Disable Space
R876 Fairhill – Road/Street Reallocation using Temporary Kerb to allow for Social Distancing	€10,000	Completed
R876 – Upper High Street – Road/Street Reallocation using Temporary Kerb to allow for Social Distancing	€10,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
Glebe Carpark – Reallocation of Space to Create a Public Realm Area	€40,000	Awaiting Architect's Design
Upper High Street Public Realm Area – Enhance Existing Public Realm	<u>€15,000</u>	Awaiting Architect's Design
L3909 Beech Road – Reallocation of Space to Create a Public Realm	€45,000	Awaiting Architect's Design
College Square – Enhance Existing Public Realm	€50,000	Awaiting Architect's Design
R876 Main Street – Provision of Parklet\Footpath Widening	€40,000	Awaiting Architect's Design
L3909 College Street – Enhancement of Public Realm Space	€45,000	Awaiting Architect's Design
L11308 South Well Lane – Enhancement of Public Realm space	€125,000	Awaiting Architect's Design

Climate Adaptation and Resilience Works 2021

Road Number	Scheme Title	LA Allocation	Status
R-563	Aghadoe Drainage Works	€60,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
			Planned for 2021 Programme
L-8001	Flynn's Forge Embankment Repair	€35,000	
L-11203	Tomies Embankment Repair	€30,000	Works Ongoing
L-2019	Ballyhar Embankment Repair	€30,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
			Works Ongoing
L-3023	Ballybrack Embankment Repair	€30,000	
			Planned for 2021 Programme
L2033	Coolick Embankment Repair	€15,000	
L-11286, L-7041	Coolroe West Drainage Works	€20,000	Planned for 2021 Programme
L-3907	Bowlers Garage	€80,000	Planned for 2021 Programme

Ongoing Works

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

2. Works Update – Traffic Management Killarney Town

Table 1: Short Term

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

Table 2: Medium Term

Location	Measure	Term	Status
Plunkett Street	Introduction of pedestrianisation in tandem with carriageway reductions and footway enhancements.	Medium	Complete
Main Street	Investigate feasibility of further traffic restrictions along Main Street, with possible extensions to the pedestrianisation periods. These would need to be assessed in terms of traffic impact in conjunction with other town centre improvements, such as the completion of the Bohereen na Gowan Inner Relief Road and traffic improvements around the Hahah/Mission Road intersection as part of upgrades to Muckcross Road.	Medium	To be considered as part of the Public Realm Plan
High Street junction	It 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	Medium	Complete

	Road and Muckcross Road / Woodlawn Road were assessed.		
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
Muckcross Road	Review, in conjunction with the TII. The existing layout of the N71 Muckcross 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 Muckcross 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 Works Complete, 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	Procurement of required lands on-going
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.
Muckcross 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 Muckcross 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

*No. of faults reported since last meeting: **49***

*No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: **33***

*No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: **2***

Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days (underneath)

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
23466	Lamp out	8079	Rathmore	25/05/2021	Access Issues
23292	Lamp out	8083	Rathmore	23/04/2021	Access Issues

This report was generated on **21/06/2021**

3.2 Hedgecutting

Killarney MD Hedge Cutting Summary.									
No of Observations by Months		No. of Observations Investigated	Additional Inspections by Roads Officer	No. of Landowners contacted in person by Roads Officer.	No of Properties with Issues	No. of Hedge Cutting Advisory Notice Issued	No. of Hedges cut following Advisory notice	No. of Hedges not cut following Advisory notice	
	Reps	Public	KCC						
September	8	7	15	34	20	47	47	43	
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
September	20	16	36	11	14	47	29	29	0
October	15	9	18	2	4	20	19	19	0
November	4	6	10	12	6	15	9	7	0
December	1	6	19	12	7	10	2	2	0
January	0	4	20	35	10	31	21	28	3
February	3	3	22	17	11	11	0	3	0
March	0	2	2	5	0	0	0	0	0
April	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
May	1	1	2	4	0	3	0	0	0
June	3	3	6	12	0	4	0	0	0
Totals	80	83	217	183	121	250	185	175	21

4. Capital Infrastructure

Killarney Town Centre Public Realm Project - Tender Submissions currently been assessed

Lough Leane Project - The scheme has been deferred to allow for an assessment by the NPWS of the impact of the recent fire damage and for the development of a recovery plan. In consultation with Fáilte Ireland and the NWPS, on developing a pedestrian and cycle link from the existing Dinish Car Park, on the N71, to the Torc Waterfall Car Park, thereby completing the Muckcross Loop. Subject to approval, The Council propose to procure consultants to consider options for this critical link.

Weatherproofing and Outdoor Dining Infrastructure

Bid submitted to Fáilte Ireland for funding for the provision of this infrastructure in Kenmare Place. Council will proceed with publication of Part VIII for the project this week, in anticipation of a successful outcome to the bid process, having regard to the tight timeframe for delivery

Charlie O'Sullivan

Director of Services

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to an issue where tar and chips had been laid at Dromadoohig, Ballyhar a month previous. He said during recent good weather, the road on the hill became liquid in the heat. He asked the Roads Department to analyse the quality of tar and chips that are being laid.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae referred to the N22 and Coolcashlough to MD O'Shea's. She asked that the resurfacing of the road with noise reducing material near Whitebridge would be reflected in the report going forward.

Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the Poulgorm Junction and welcomed the reinstatement of the crash barrier. She said she had previously requested that the acceleration lane on the N22 be extended and asked if the TII had reverted on this.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney asked that plans for Finnegan's Cross be brought before Members for next MD Meeting.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to a similar junction at Ballyfinnane and asked Mr. Ahern to review same before the Finnegan's Cross plans were finalised. He said from a "warning perspective" it was good and it was his opinion that this was identical to the junction at Finnegan's Cross.

Cllr. N. Kelleher referred to the final lighting plan for Rathmore Streetscape and asked that it be circulated to Rathmore Community Council before construction commences.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan expressed his concern in relation to the erosion of Ross Road due to horse drawn carriages.

Mr. J. Ahern responded to queries raised as follows:

- **Surface dressing works at Dromadoohig, Ballyhar - Mr. Ahern confirmed that the majority of roads never present an issue. He stated that a high spec tarmacadam is used and a rise in temperature should not affect it. He agreed to investigate the road.**
- **Poulgorm Junction – Mr. Ahern agreed to revert to Members regarding this. He stated that Mr. P. Curry will attend the September MD Meeting and will respond to specific queries raised by the Members.**
- **Public Lighting in Rathmore – Mr. Ahern confirmed that the plan had been designed to public lighting standards and agreed that same would be forwarded to the Community Council.**
- **Ross Road – Mr. Ahern stated that roads used by horse drawn carriages also cause issues with road surfaces in other parts of the country. He confirmed that a high spec asphalt had been used on the Ross Road. Mr. Ahern confirmed this will be closely monitored**
- **Finnegan’s Cross – this report will be brought before the Members for the next MD meeting**

Cllr. B. Cronin wished to express his gratitude to Mr. Sean Coffey, Principal of St. Brendan’s College for facilitating the Members to hold their meeting in the school.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney also wished to thank Mr. Coffey for allowing the Members to use the school.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would provide a number of parent/child designated parking spaces in all the public car parks in Killarney.

Reply: Kerry County Council will investigate the feasibility of the proposal and identify suitable locations and revert to the member in due course. However, the current width of the standard car parking is 2.4m, the width of a Parent & Child is 3.6m, therefore the introduction of these type of parking bays would reduce the overall number parking spaces within our carparks.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney stated that she has witnessed families struggling getting their children and buggies out of cars. She asked that one or two more parent & child spaces would be provided in the Council’s car parks.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. B. Cronin supported the Motion but on the condition that the Members would receive a report on the consequences of the loss of each parking space so he would be able to make a balanced judgement.

Ms. A. McAllen advised that Bird’s Amusements were coming to town and would be taking up occupation of the Fairhill Car Park. She noted that Members had previously voiced their concern regarding the availability of car spaces in the town. Ms. McAllen advised that following engagement with the

Diocese of Kerry, Fr. Kieran O'Brien has given permission for members of the public to use the carpark at the Church of the Resurrection while Bird's are in town and the Council will provide appropriate "free parking" signage in this regard.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 22 at this stage.

22. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That the Council paint the age friendly and 15 minute parking space yellow or any other colour they see fit.

Reply: These parking bays currently have markings to identify their use. Larger signage for the 15 minute bays have been ordered and we are awaiting delivery. As these bays have been introduced under the Safe Street Mobility Plan, there is no proposal to provide permanent markings.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said he was supportive of Cathaoirleach M. Moloney's Motion and he referred to the Parking Strategy post-Covid. He said there was an issue with people parking in the 15 minute bays all day. He said people are ignoring or do not notice the 15 minute signs and the existing Bye-Laws do not provide for this to be enforced. Cllr. Kelleher noted that many parking spaces had been taken to facilitate the Safe Streets Programme.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said he was sitting as a Member on Killarney Town Council when Cllr. D. Grady proposed painting the disabled parking spaces and he said he fully supported that at the time. However, he stated that he could not support the proposal to use different colours on the age friendly or 15 minute parking bays on the streets of Killarney. Cllr. O'Callaghan said he understood why Cllr. Kelleher had proposed it but he was against the Notice of Motion.

Cllr. B. Cronin moved Notice of Motion No. 14 at this stage.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask that identifiable medical parking spaces be re-lined in New Street adjacent / close to pharmacies and that higher more visible signs be erected for same on all streets.

Reply: Temporary arrangements such as the provision of 3 No. 15 minute Parking Bays and 1 No. Age Friendly Parking Bay are in place in New Street for these businesses due to the Safe Streets Mobility Plan. These arrangements will be kept under review while the Mobility Plan is in place.

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired if the age-friendly spaces near Pharmacies could be coloured green to identify them from a medical viewpoint. He noted that signage was critically important and noted that the existing signage was too low to read and should be raised. He said if these spaces were coloured, it would allow the traffic cones to be removed.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired if symbols could be used in lieu of coloured spaces.

Cllr. Kelleher said he had a concern in relation to symbols as they are not clearly visible.

Cathaoirleach Moloney asked for agreement from the Members on the issue.

Cllr. O’Callaghan said that a cautious approach was needed and asked that consideration would be given to the aesthetic look of the town. He said that the town was already using too many bollards and now a request had been made to colour different parking bays in different colours. Cllr. O’Callaghan said that Killarney must maintain its high standards.

Cllr. Cronin said that the signage on the footpaths needs to be seen and using designated colours would facilitate the removal of the bollards and this would be a positive move.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that blue is the recognised colour for disabled parking and there is a standard sign. In relation to the 15 minute bays, this is a new concept and there is no recognised National colour. In relation to the signage, Mr. Ahern confirmed that new signage had been ordered. He noted that build outs to assist business areas have increased, which has resulted in the loss of parking spaces. Mr. Ahern referred to the age-friendly parking which was again a relatively new concept and the recognised colour for this is purple but this has not been written into legislation. Mr. Ahern advised that during the Covid-19 Pandemic, there has been increased usage of pharmacies and medical services. Where possible and as agreed in the Safe Street Plan, designated 15-minute Parking Spaces have been provided outside these businesses. In some locations ad-hoc cones or signage have been placed outside some premises by third parties in order to secure parking. However, no one has the right to any space within the town or to put signs or traffic cones out. Mr. Ahern stated that the MD Office are liaising with businesses where they feel there is a need for designated spaces during this Pandemic. He confirmed that there was no recognised symbol or colour for medical surgeries. Mr. Ahern advised that this is not just an issue affecting Killarney MD, it is a county-wide issue. Mr. Ahern confirmed that a lining company was due in the town and that new signage has been ordered.

Cllr. Kelleher asked for an update on the amount of car spaces that had been removed due to the Safe Streets Programme.

Mr. Ahern replied that approximately 60 spaces had been removed from the Town Centre to facilitate the health restrictions. However, these spaces were only turning over one car every hour. Mr. Ahern advised that 15 minute spaces of which 10 or 12 have been created, equates to 4 turnovers within the hour. Mr. Ahern confirmed that approximately 36 - 40 businesses were now open serving food to people coming into Killarney due to the Council facilitating them as they would not have reopened otherwise.

Cllr. Kelleher advised that he would amend his Notice of Motion to add “until the full Parking Strategy is in place”. Cllr. Kelleher said that rather than painting the entire bay, that the outline of the bays could be painted in a different colour as a temporary measure.

Mr. Ahern advised that he would need to discuss this with Senior Management as he can only put into effect what is set down in the legislation.

2. Cllr. M. Moloney: Can the members be updated on what progress or lack of progress has been made with the provision of a footpath at the entrance leading to Bruach na hAbhann and all the Local Authority houses in the area. This has been ongoing now for some time and the area remains extremely dangerous for pedestrians and wheelchair users.

Reply: Kerry County Council has been actively engaged with one of the two the landowners, with a view to acquire the land in order to provide the necessary infrastructure. As there is a proposal for a Safety Scheme to be constructed on the N22 at Cleeney, the Killarney MD Office has been liaising with the NRDO. We will continue to progress the matter and will revert to Members when an update is available.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney said this matter needs to be progressed.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would resurface the road at Daly's roundabout as there is a ridge in the road which is dangerous for cyclists.

Reply: This section of the N22 is due to be resurfaced in 2022. However, any localised defects at this roundabout will be repaired as an interim measure pending the full resurfacing of the roundabout.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney welcomed the reply.

4. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would examine the possibility of the provision of a cycleway/walkway along the Flesk River from the Muckcross Road to Whitebridge.

Reply: The feasibility of this proposal will be assessed as part of the upcoming Killarney Town Transport / Mobility Plan, funding for which was recently announced by the NTA under Kerry Active Travel.

5. Cllr. M. Moloney: That Kerry County Council would contact the TII with regard to the bad condition of the hard shoulder along the Tralee Road at Knockeenduff in particular adjacent to the New Cemetery Cross, where it is particularly bad and is very dangerous for cyclists as at this busy area they would need the safety of the hard shoulder.

Reply: This section of the N22 will be examined in consultation with TII with a view to having appropriate repairs undertaken promptly based on its condition.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney noted the reply.

Mr. J. Ahern confirmed that the MD Office will seek funding before the end of the summer, to restore a section of the road.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and asked that assurances be given that there will be no kerbing.

Mr. Ahern confirmed it would be resurfaced as a hard shoulder to be used for cyclists.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To raise concerns with the residents of Clouneragh, Headford and Stagmount in relation to the safety of their junction accessing the new road layout on the N72 at Gortahaneboy West, Rathmore.

Reply: The concerns at this location are noted. This road scheme has been designed in accordance with TII design standards. The works should be completed by the end of July. The road is currently subject to a temporary speed limit of 60kph which will remain in place until the works have been fully checked for compliance with the design. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit will be carried out on this new road section in July.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that she has submitted a request that a deputation from local residents be approved by the Members to discuss their concerns regarding the sight distance.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. N. Kelleher moved NoM 24 at this stage.

24. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That every step be taken to increase the sight line on the new stretch of the N72 at Stagmount.

Reply: This road scheme has been designed in accordance with TII design standards. The works should be completed by the end of July. The road is currently subject to a temporary speed limit of 60kph which will remain in place until the works have been fully checked for compliance with the design. A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit will be carried out on this new road section in July.

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded Cllr. M. Healy-Rae's request for a deputation to attend the MD Meeting. Cllr. Kelleher stated that said that the area coming out of Beheehagh needs to be cut. He noted that the TII had cut around the chevron signs on the other side of the road. He said this will cause an issue when the grass growth is at its highest. Cllr. Kelleher wished to thank Mr. P. Curry, SE and Mr. G. Kearney, EE for visiting the location. Cllr. Kelleher stated that at the junction to the other junction, there should be a continuous white line on that stretch of road. Motorists are coming approaching the bridge and they need to slow down. Road lining is needed to advise people they are approaching a bridge. Cllr. Kelleher also asked that the side roads need to be added to the Roads Programme as these residents had a lot of people using those roads while works were ongoing. He asked that everything be done to highlight the existence of a junction and that the works be undertaken while the developers are on site.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

7. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney MD would seriously look at employing our own tree surgeon. What does it cost to bring in tree surgeons per year in the Killarney area?

Reply: Given the level of specialised training and the low volume of work involved, there is no requirement to employ a full-time Tree Surgeon for the Killarney MD. The Killarney MD would annually procure these specialised services via the Public Procurement process.

Cllr. D. Grady noted that there is a long wait to get trees cut and having Council employed tree surgeons would speed up this process. He also referred to Ballyspillane and trees on the right-hand side heading towards Spa that needed to be cut.

8. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney MD would introduce parking in loading bays from 12 midday, as it is urgently needed and has been passed previously by the Council.

Reply: The majority of the loading bays within Killarney Town revert to Pay & Display Parking after either 12.00pm or 1.00pm. Others are full-time public Loading Bay/Bus Bay/Taxi Rank.

Cllr. D. Grady said that this had previously been passed to allow the bays to revert to parking after 12pm.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said he would have concerns in relation to this as some of these bays are already all-day loading bays.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan agreed with the Motion and said that more parking was needed but agreed that deliveries to businesses take place throughout the day. He said that more flexibility was required and suggested from 8am to 2pm or 3pm as 12pm was quite early. He noted that there were huge issues in College Street each morning.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted that the response had stated that the loading bays revert to parking after 12pm and/or 1pm.

9. Cllr. D. Grady: That we get the road between Ballinadega Creamery towards Guillane resurfaced as it is in a dreadful state and is in danger of collapse.

Reply: Kerry County Council have inspected the L3013 - Readrinagh Cross, Bounard Cross (also known as the Meentogees Road). Following the inspection, repair works to lags have been completed. This road will be considered for funding when drafting the next Multi-Annual Road Programme.

Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply and said that the Engineers should inspect part of that road.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

10. Cllr. D. Grady: I am appealing to the Executive to open Plunkett Street and not close Main Street. People are afraid to walk through Plunkett Street with the crowds gathered there. It is not possible to drive a buggy or wheelchair through them.

Reply: In May 2020, the Council prepared a Mobility Plan for the re-opening of towns and businesses, throughout the County, following the initial closure of businesses to prevent the spread of Covid-19. This Plan for Killarney, which was presented to the members at a meeting of the Municipal District on the 11th June 2020, set out the guiding principles for the measures which had to be implemented to provide that public health advice and guidelines could be adhered to as shops, retail outlets and services in the town centre were reopening. It set out simple but effective ways of ensuring that social distancing could be maintained, as was reasonable and practical, while ensuring that businesses could resume trading and provide their goods and services to customers. This Plan presumed, based on the Roadmap and the prevailing advice of the public health authorities at the time, that social distancing would remain a behavioural requirement for the foreseeable future. The closure of Plunkett Street was required to facilitate social distancing requirements for pedestrians, given the constraints of the limited existing width of the street. The Plan supported the marketing of the County as a “safe destination” for visitors and which had a positive impact with a reported increase in “stay vacation” over the 2020 summer. Continued vigilance in supporting and promoting the public health messaging, which notwithstanding the rollout of the vaccination program, advises on the need for social distancing amongst other measures is required. The Killarney MD carried out a further review of the Mobility Plan in May 2021 having regard to the experiences of last summer, the current public health advice, and the timeframes given by Government for the reopening of businesses. It identified measures to support businesses with outdoor dining, improved and enhanced signage, and extended opening hours for public conveniences. However, strong concerns were identified with the relatively higher level of footfall experienced last year than was originally anticipated during the peak tourist season, when the primary schools closed. Main Street had been identified in 2020 as a location where there was a high footfall and potential for conflict between pedestrians and vehicular traffic, with pedestrians observed stepping onto the carriageway and the path of moving vehicles. This was most evident at weekends, when there is a higher footfall in the retail outlets. The need to close Main Street at weekends was identified as being desirable to provide improve safety for pedestrians. This option also considered the impact on town centre traffic, deliveries to local businesses and access to a local hotel, which unfortunately has since closed due to fire damage, following the statutory process and consideration of submissions. It is planned to temporarily close the street to through traffic from 11am on Saturdays to 8 am on Mondays commencing July 10th to August 30th, extended to 8am on Tuesday of the August bank holiday weekend (31st July to the 3rd August). The impacts of the closure will be closely monitored over the summer.

All measures implemented through the Safe Streets Mobility Plan for Killarney, combined with the Safe Destination program promoted throughout the County aim to promote Kerry and Killarney as a safe destination to live, work and visit during this exceptional time.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he did not agree with decision to close Main Street. He said Killarney was a moving carpark. Cllr. Grady also stated that Killarney would be a safer place if the public houses were allowed to open rather than

having people drinking on the street and said the Government should review this decision.

Cllr. B. Cronin said he would have to refute Cllr. Grady's statement in his Notice of Motion in reference to buggies/wheelchairs on Plunkett Street. He said it was nonsense and untrue and he rejected this statement.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked for confirmation regarding the width of the footpath on both sides of Plunkett Street and width of carriageway. He enquired how many businesses are trading on Plunkett Street who are not in a position to trade today under the current restrictions. Cllr. Kelleher said that a car driving down Plunkett Street would encounter the same issue of space on two separate sides of the road than currently in place.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said that the country is still dealing with Covid and he agreed with the arrangements in place, however, he did not support the closing of Main Street to traffic at weekends. Cllr. O'Callaghan confirmed that when restrictions lift, he will support any Notice of Motion to de-pedestrianise Plunkett Street.

Ms. A. McAllen referred to the last paragraph of the reply. She confirmed that the Killarney MD Office continually work with Killarney Access Group in relation to accessibility in the town. She advised that Main Street is closed to traffic for weekends in July and August due to the crowds that are expected based on last year's visitors.

11. Cllr. D. Grady: That we should rebuild the wall from Ballydowney to the Castlerosse Hotel to keep the deer from wandering onto the road and endangering life. This wall was taken away by the Council.

Reply: This proposal will be taken into account to establish if it can play any part in achieving the safety objectives of the scheme without introducing new hazards.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed the reply and said the deer cause havoc when they wander onto the road.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

12. Cllr. B. Cronin: When will the damaged bridge parapet, which I previously highlighted, on the cul-de-sac road off the N22 at Kilkneedeen, Ballyhar, be repaired and made safe.

Reply: The Killarney MD Office is currently assessing the tenders for these required works. We are also trying to source a stream of funding. It would be suitable for CSMDOF.

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired what was the cost of this work. He said it needed to be repaired as soon as possible as there was no wall there now.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Ahern replied that the bridge had been struck and that is the reason the parapet went into the river. He said that if the driver had come forward, this matter could have been dealt with through their insurance company. **Mr. Ahern** confirmed that this work had gone out to tender and assessment and he was not sure of the costing for same at this stage. He hoped that the works would be completed before the end of the summer, subject to acquiring funding of the project.

13. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the TII Road Design Team to recognise and ensure that the communities of Ballydunlea, Ballyhar and Tiernaboul, Killarney have continued local road connectivity over whatever route option is finally selected, we cannot allow these local communities, farms and families to be forever divided and separated by a new road and direct access must be maintained.

Reply: The N22 Farranfore to Killarney Project is currently at Route Options stage. The matter of community and farm severance is being carefully considered before selecting the Emerging Preferred Corridor. Throughout the design stage of the project, a junction strategy will be devised which minimises community severance. In many instances, new bridges will be required to maintain local road connectivity after the project is opened. Mitigation measures will also be identified to further reduce the impact on farms affected by the new road.

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to the TII public consultation that had been held regarding the proposed routes. He said the residents were hugely concerned as their communities could be severed if a particular route is selected. He said that access that currently exist may no longer be guaranteed. **Cllr. Cronin** said no information was forthcoming from the public consultation process and no information was relayed to the residents and/or farmers. **Cllr. Cronin** said the process was a waste of time and money.

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue Seconded the Motion and agreed that uncertainty surrounds the route, and it is unfair as people are worried as dwelling houses may be demolished. **Cllr. O'Donoghue** also agreed that this process was a waste of time and the public are none the wiser. He said the TII need to work with the residents on the chosen route.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney advised that a group of her neighbours went online and none of their questions were answered.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan supported the Motion and said he was personally going to be affected by all 4 routes as they will pass very near his house. He said that no communication has been received from the TII and something should be put in place to answer queries raised or suspend the process until they answer the queries.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that the Director of Service had written to Members detailing the process and said it was a process to identify feedback from communities that these proposed routes are going through.

14. Cllr. B. Cronin: Notice of Motion moved in conjunction with Motion No's 1 and 22.

At this stage the meeting was suspended as it had been ongoing for 1 hour and 55 minutes. It was agreed that the meeting would resume online via MS Teams at 2.00pm.

The meeting resumed at 2.00pm.

Leas-Chathaoirleach N. Kelleher took the Chair.

15. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request the Roads Department to totally resurface the access roads servicing Scrahan Court and Scrahan Mews estates, Ross road, Killarney as proper resurfacing has not been done for decades.

Reply: The L-7212-1 Scrahan Court & L-7212-0 Scrahan Mews, will be considered for funding when drafting the next Multi-Annual Road Programme. In the meanwhile, Kerry County Council will continue to maintain these roads.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked for a commitment that this work would be carried out and Proposed it would be included in the Multi-Annual Roads Programme.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan Seconded the Proposal.

16. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask that the road from Lahern Cross, Faha to Flynn's Forge be resurfaced as it has deteriorated and is in poor condition.

Reply: The L3025 - Lahern Cross, Faha to Flynn's Forge, will be considered for funding when drafting the next Multi-Annual Road Programme. In the meanwhile, Kerry County Council will continue to maintain the road.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that appropriate funding be put in place.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

17. Cllr. J. O'Donoghue: That the Council would update the members on the progress made in conjunction with the NPWS on the provision of a Walkway cum Cycleway adjacent to the N71 from the back entrance of Dinis towards Torc.

Reply: Kerry County Council are in consultation with Fáilte Ireland, NPWS and the TII to develop a safety scheme which will consist of a pedestrian and cycle link from the existing Dinis Car Park to the Torc Waterfall Car Park, on the N71 which would thereby complete the Muckross Loop. The Council are seeking a feasibility study to consider route options and will provide updates to Members when available.

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue - *"We are all aware of the wonderful welcome that was afforded to the recently opened path from Ross Road to Muckross Road and how much it is appreciated by locals and visitors to our town alike. The completion of a walkway cum cycleway, which is the subject of this motion will be an even greater addition and will be the perfect completion to, when the Tomies to Dinis walkway is finalised. I am aware there are delays in relation to*

that, obviously in relation to Covid. I am also aware that a number of options are being examined in relation to the location of this walkway. I hope that (a) it would be lakeside of the road and that (b) The NPWS and the Council will soon be in a position to proceed with this project in the near future. I am aware that my predecessor had this as a notice of motion in the past and this is a way of continuing to keep the focus on a vital addition to the facilities in the greater Killarney Area. I would request that the NPWS and The Council continue to keep us updated on its progress.”

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and noted that it was an exceptionally important project.

18. Cllr. J. O’Donoghue: That the Council would provide a safe footpath to replace the present cobbled walkway between the two entrance gates to the National Park across from Muckross Park Hotel.

Reply: This area is currently being examined as part of an upcoming Pavement Improvement Scheme at this location. Footpath improvements at this location will be considered as part of the overall scheme.

Cllr. J. O’Donoghue - “At present this is a very rough footpath and it is much walked on for accessing the National Park. In its current state it is a danger to people, particularly older people and is a serious hindrance to those pushing prams. I am speaking about a very short stretch of footpath, perhaps 50m in length, and I hope it will be brought up to the required standard before long.”

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said it was a danger to everyone who walks it and was totally inappropriate for people with mobility issues.

The Leas-Chathaoirleach left the Chair and **Cathaoirleach M. Moloney** took the Chair.

19. Cllr. J. O’Donoghue: That the Council would detail the progress since the most recent meeting in relation to the development of a roundabout at the junction of Upper Lissivigeen / Coolcoslough [L.3011] with the N22.

Reply: Proposals have been developed to carry out junction improvements to the N22/ L3011 junction. Preliminary designs have been undertaken on roundabout proposals and these are being discussed with the TII before submitting a Feasibility & Options Report recommending a solution at this location. The introduction of Active Travel measures at this location are also being examined as part of the proposals. Landowner consultation is also ongoing in relation to proposals.

Mr. P. Curry, A/SE will provide an update at the next September MD Meeting.

Cllr. J. O’Donoghue - “I am aware that at every Municipal District meeting over the last two years, my predecessor has had this on the agenda. We welcome the decision in relation to the Ballycasheen exit onto the N22, where the likelihood is that lights will be installed, and I am aware that the focus on this one is more than likely going to be on the provision of a roundabout. It is extremely urgent as the size of the trucks accessing the quarry and the development at Coolcoslough/Upper Lissivigeen are increasing in size and the

levels of vehicular traffic is enormous. In the interest of safety, I would urge the Council to look at this immediately.”

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion and hoped that the options or a detailed design would be available to Members at the September Meeting.

20. Cllr. J. O’Donoghue: That the Council would give an update of progress towards the provision of vehicle and bicycle parking area proximate to the beautiful Blue Pool Walkway.

Reply: As previously notified to the members, the Killarney Municipal District has engaged with the NPWS in relation to a portion of land required in order to facilitate a design for a parking area. The Killarney NPWS are still currently awaiting legal advice in regard to the disposal of lands. On establishing the feasibility of the proposed project, the Municipal District will progress plans and examine funding streams that may facilitate this development.

Cllr. J. O’Donoghue - *“The recent, and indeed ongoing pandemic has given many of us a greater appreciation for the amenities on our own doorstep. One such place is beautiful The Blue Pool walkway in Mangerton Road. It is becoming increasingly popular with locals and tourists alike and it is vital that provision for safe parking of vehicles and bicycles proximate to this walkway is provided. At present, cars in particular are being abandoned around the entrance and this is not safe for the people parking or the motorists passing by. I am aware that the Council have been intent on progressing this but Covid obviously delayed matters and I am just wondering is there any update as it is a very popular area and would be even more popular, were safe parking for vehicles and bicycles provided.”*

Cllr. N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion and said the issue of parking and people abandoning cars is a big issue around parts of the National Park. He said he would welcome engagement between Kerry County Council and the NPWS on the issue.

Mr. J. Ahern replied that there was no funding update. He stated that the Council are working closely with the Management of Killarney National Park in this regard.

21. Cllr. J. O’Donoghue: That the Council would seek to ensure that the water tables and gullies are fully operational on all roads in the Municipal District in advance of winter weather.

Reply: As part of the Kerry County Council annual maintenance programme of works, the Council endeavours to ensure that water tables and gullies are fully operational at all times. However, special emphasis is placed on this programme during the months of September and October in advance of the winter months.

Cllr. J. O’Donoghue - *“This is very important to do in advance of Winter and I am aware of people who leave their own homes and open the gullies near their house with all the danger for their welfare that involves. I understand how extensive a job it is with the vast lengths of road the Council has to look after, but it is of critical importance as outside of the safety aspect which is*

paramount, the water ponding on the roads damages the surface of the roads which in the long run probably costs the Council more money. Perhaps even employing temporary staff to do the job might be an option.”

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Ahern replied that the Council actively carry out drainage works as part of the Roads Programme and have money allocated towards this Drainage Programme. Mr. Ahern advised that the Council has taken on additional staff for this and crews will move on to the Drainage Programme works in September.

22. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Moved in conjunction with NoM No. 1 and 14 (Roads).

23. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the update regarding the removal of bends on the L-3011-0 which was agreed with Cllr. John Joe Culloty.

Reply: Kerry County Council will revert to the land owner with a view to acquire the land in order to progress this proposed project. A Final Design and Costing would also need to be completed and a suitable funding stream identified.

Cllr. N. Kelleher advised that the former Councillor, John Joe Culloty was dismayed that this had not been completed during his time as a Councillor. Cllr. Kelleher said that a local businessman had been willing to take away the ditch, however, the landowner, who had offered the land, has now passed away. Cllr. Kelleher asked for a commitment that this work would be undertaken.

Cllr. J. O’Donoghue Seconded the Motion.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to revert to the relevant landowner.

24. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 6.

25. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What are the timelines of works for the Rathmore streetscape development?

Reply: The contractor, Roadstone Limited are mobilising on site on 12th July. It is anticipated that the construction programme will take approximately 6 months.

Cllr. N. Kelleher advised that he was a member of the Rathmore Community Council. He asked that the Lighting Programme would proceed as soon as possible.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

26. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can the Council please add extra bins on Muckcross Road.

Reply: Given the recently increased footfall on the Muckcross Road, Kerry County Council will provide an additional bin on this road, however, the usage of this bin will be kept under review.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed the reply and noted that the bins had previously been removed due to illegal dumping.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Ms. A. McAllen advised that under the Safe Streets mobility Plan, this bin will be provided and its usage will be kept under review and on that basis, Ms. McAllen also agreed that a bin would be provided at the top of High Street.

27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when will the works at O'Sullivan's Place be carried out to address traffic concerns there. Residents have been waiting for quite some time.

Reply: Kerry County Council has completed the majority of the civil works at this location.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae acknowledged that the majority of works had been carried out here and welcomed same. However, she advised that there were ongoing concerns regarding the one-way structure. Residents have advised that that cars are still speeding through the estate and they are not the residents. Recently a motorist mounted the kerb and knocked down the new sign.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan agreed that this road was still being used as a shortcut and some motorists are still driving against the flow of traffic. He stated that An Garda Síochána need to monitor this road, especially on Thursday and Friday afternoons. He said that once the word gets out that the Gardaí are monitoring it, then people will comply with the one-way system.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted this was a residential area with a senior population. This illegal behaviour was taking place day and night. Cllr. Cronin said the only body with the power to enforce this were An Garda Síochána.

Mr. J. Ahern advised that when the S38 process was undertaken, An Garda Síochána agreed that this would be enforced. Mr. Ahern agreed to raise the matter with them. He advised that there was nothing further the Council could do as all civil works had been carried out and this was now a matter for enforcement.

28. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to consider the inclusion of the road between Cloonts and Lisheen when compiling the next three-year roads programme. This road is in a terrible state.

Reply: The L2032- Cloonts Cross to the MD Engineering Bounds, will be considered for funding when drafting the next Multi-Annual Road Programme.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked that this road be inspected. She said that a commitment had been given at a previous meeting that the lags would be repaired. She said this was a frequently used road.

Mr. J. Ahern agreed to review same.

29. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and TII what is the current update regarding the Traffic Calming Scheme for Glenflesk Village? When will the design options be shown and the preferred option put on public display? This work is most urgent.

Reply: In 2019 a Speed Limit of 60kph was introduced either side of the village. Speeds were then measured using speed counters. In early 2021, speed indicator signs were introduced and speed data has been gathered continuously since their introduction. The speeds measured indicate a reduction in average speed since 2019. Two design options have been prepared to introduce further traffic calming to the village. These will be presented to the elected members in September 2021.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said that the speed indication signs help but there needs to be more comprehensive traffic calming infrastructure put in place. Cllr. Healy-Rae said the road was wide open and is a heavily trafficked National Primary Road.

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue Seconded the Motion and he acknowledged the measures that had been put in place. He stated that anything that will improve Glenflesk Village will be welcomed.

30. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and TII what is the update regarding a pedestrian crossing for Fossa National School? Has the TII given final approval and sanctioned funding?

Reply: The Fossa Safety Scheme Design Report was submitted to TII by Kerry County Council for approval in June. We received their response last week, with a request for minor alternations to the scheme proposal. These are currently being carried out with a view to re-issue the Report back to the TII by the end of July for their final consideration. We expect their response shortly thereafter. Subject to receipt of TII approval, this will enable the project to proceed to the Statutory Process Phase.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked what were the minor alterations that were referred to in the reply. She asked when will the Members have the report before them.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and asked if the minor alterations referred specifically to the pedestrian crossing or some other aspect.

Mr. J. Ahern replied that the minor alterations referred to works at the "Killarney end". He confirmed that the Engineer will have these submitted to the TII in next week or so. He said that once approval is received, the process will commence. Mr. Ahern said that realistically, the report will come before the Members for consideration at the November MD Meeting.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Grady: Notice of Motion moved in conjunction with NoM No. 2 Housing.

2. Cllr. B. Cronin: As of June 2021, what is the current accumulated financial deficit being carried by Kerry County Council for the Killarney Sports and Leisure Centre.

Reply: In 2020, Kerry County Council made payments totalling €130,000 to the Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre Limited (KSLC), relating to the subvention of the operating costs. The operating subvention was provided for in the Council's Annual Budget and financial support is also reflected in the 2021 Budget.

The most recent available Financial Statements of Killarney Sports and Leisure Campus Ltd. (KSLC Ltd.) for the year ended 31st December 2019, record an Operating Loss for the year of (€73,251) and a cumulative revenue deficit as of the end of 2019 of (€1,782,450).

The total loan amount outstanding by Kerry County Council for the building of the Centre is €266,668 as of 31 December 2020 with full repayment of this loan scheduled during 2022.

The Council continues to closely monitor and manage the finances and the operations of the Centre and a number of operational efficiencies have been implemented in conjunction with the operator which have resulted in increases in income and reductions in expenditure in recent years. KSLC has been and will continue to avail of all appropriate government supports in the context of the closure of the centre and its operation within public health restrictions and guidelines due to Covid-19. The continuation and availability of these supports and the close monitoring and review of operational costs should result in the Centre requiring a similar level of support for its ongoing operations from the Council for 2021.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted that the financial position was an inherited one from the Town Council in 2014. He asked if the Council envisage that the €2.2m deficit would be cleared in the foreseeable future.

Ms. A. McAllen replied that she was on the Board of Directors. Procedures have been put in place with the Management of the Sports Centre to ensure that any costs are kept to a minimum. Ms. McAllen advised that the Centre was at present being used as the HSE Vaccination Centre so it is not being used as a sports hall at present. She confirmed that the HSE are paying for the use of the Sports Hall. Ms. McAllen said the Centre was operating on a broad break-even basis at present and there were structures in place to erode the deficit over a number of years.

3. Cllr. J. O'Donoghue: That the Council would request the NPWS to provide a tap at Muckross Abbey.

Reply: The Killarney MD Office will liaise with the NPWS in this regard.

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue – *“This tap would prove very useful to people tending to the graves of their deceased, as at present people, often elderly, are forced to walk a long distance from the main car park with water. It is a simple request but one I feel would prove very beneficial.”*

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion and said a tap would be very important for people who look after graves that have flowers.

Cllr. D. Grady supported the Motion.

4. Cllr. N. Kelleher: How much was collected in car parking fees for 2019 and 2020.

Reply: Net parking fees for Killarney MD for 2019 - €1,012,792. Net parking fees for Killarney MD for 2020 - €611,536.

Cllr. N. Kelleher said the reply highlights the importance of car parking revenue to the Council and illustrates the difficult position the Local Authority finds itself in now.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to liaise with the NPWS in order to allow jarveys have access to the National Park closer to the Hahah area.

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

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said if the jarveys were taken off the road, it would reduce the traffic bottlenecks in the town. **Cllr. Healy-Rae** asked that a letter issue to the NPWS for their consideration.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney Seconded the Motion.

(b) Approval of Deputations

(a) On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Moloney, Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin, it was agreed that a deputation be received from the residents of the Listry / Faha area regarding the continuous water outages in their area

(b) On the Proposal of Cllr. Cllr. M. Moloney, Seconded by Cllr. J. O'Donoghue, it was agreed that a deputation be received from the residents of Couteragh, Headford and Stagmount to raise concerns about safety of their junction accessing the new road layout at the new N72 at Gorthaneboy West.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae advised that the deputation would only attend the next available MD meeting depending on works undertaken in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. P. Corkery confirmed he would liaise with the deputations and respective Councillors closer to the date of the meeting on how the deputations will be facilitated.

(c) Agree dates for the following meetings:

- (a) Suggested date for Community Support Fund Meeting – 14th July 2021
- (b) Suggested date for the next Killarney Municipal District Meeting - Wednesday, 8th September 2021

The Members agreed to holding the above meetings on the dates as advised.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired if future meetings could be held physically.

Mr. P. Corkery replied that online meetings were probably more suitable.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked if it would be possible to organise another venue for the second part of the meeting rather than meeting online due to the time restriction of 1 hour and 55 minutes.

Mr. Corkery stated that he was grateful to Mr. Sean Coffey for allowing the Members hold their meeting in their school. He advised that Killarney House was not suitable and that Killarney Library was being used by the Water Services staff.

Cllr. N. O’Callaghan advised that Fitzgerald Stadium had a big room which may be suitable for future meetings.

Mr. Corkery agreed to follow-up on this suggestion.

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

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae referred to the previous MD meeting held in May and a Motion she had raised regarding Foiladown and asked if Mr. J. Ahern had met with the residents.

Mr. J. Ahern replied that he had not yet met with them. He advised that he had spoken with Mr. G. Riordan, SE who had advised this was a Municipal District matter.

Cllr. Healy-Rae asked Mr. Ahern to let her know when he plans to visit the residents.

(e) Any Other Business

Ireland’s War of Independence

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney referred to the commemoration event of Ireland’s War of Independence. 2 minutes before the truce was to come into effect in 1921, a local

Killarney waitress named Hannah Carey was fatally injured by a stray bullet outside the Imperial Hotel on College Street. Ms. Carey was the last person in Ireland killed during the War of Independence. The Cathaoirleach advised that the Centenary of her death will occur at the weekend. Cathaoirleach Moloney Proposed that a plaque could be erected outside the Tower Hotel, with the owners' consent, (previously the Imperial Hotel) or erect a stand-alone plaque in the Garden of Remembrance. She advised that a ceremony would take place at the Garden of Remembrance outside Killarney Courthouse on Saturday to remember Ms. Carey and invited the Members to attend same.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Proposal.

Mr. P. Corkery advised Members that if they plan to attend the Commemoration, that they should practise social distancing and wear masks.

Killarney Skate Park

Ms. A. McAllen advised that it is planned to publish the public consultation on 14th / 15th July in newspapers. Public consultation period is 14th – 25th July. This was welcomed by the Members.

Cllr. N. Kelleher welcomed this announcement and asked if the Council could advertise this online, on Facebook and in the local press as younger people are more engaged online.

Cllr. D. Grady welcomed that the Skate Park was going out for public consultation.

On-street Drinking

Cllr. Kelleher referred to the on-street drinking that was now taking place in Killarney and noted that people were purchasing alcohol from off-licences. He stated that the Bye-Laws should be communicated to An Garda Síochána. He referred to the clean-up operation undertaken by MD staff and Tidy Town volunteers at 6am on Sunday mornings which he said was heroic. He asked that temporary signage be erected advising that it is prohibited to drink alcohol on the streets at various locations.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted that the town is left in a bad state at weekends and he referred, in particular, to the work undertaken by Council staff and volunteers to transform the town early in the morning after weekends. He noted they are and have been doing this work for 15 years Pre-Covid and still doing it. Cllr. Cronin referred to his attendance at meetings with the Inter-Agency Group during his term as Cathaoirleach and said the issue at Beech Road was discussed. He confirmed that An Garda Síochána have acted on the congregation of crowds there.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan noted that all Vintners in Killarney (bar one) have agreed not to sell take away drink and said he was very disappointed to see people drinking on the streets. He said this was becoming a problem as people can purchase drink from other outlets. Cllr. O'Callaghan said that he had requested 2 years previously for the Bye-Laws to come before the Members and he was still waiting for them.

Cllr. D. Grady said he was appalled to see people drinking on the street and noted that social distancing did not exist in some parts of the town.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae agreed with Cllr. Cronin's and Cllr. O'Callaghan's comments and said that the Bye-Laws should come before the Members. Cllr. Healy-Rae said that the Government has allowed on-street drinking and asked if this legislation supersedes the Bye-Laws. She said that indoor dining should open up and it would keep order and would be safe.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that she would bring Members' concerns to the attention of the Gardaí who would be attending the Inter-Agency Group meeting, due to take place later that day. She noted the presence of An Garda Síochána has been very important to ensure people feel safe. Ms. McAllen referred to the request for temporary signage and noted that some Members had commented on the proliferation of signage in the town. She said the provision of signage needs to be reviewed and would revert.

Flynn's Forge

Cllr. B. Cronin enquired if the Council were close to appointing a contractor and progressing this project?

Keane's Cross

Cllr. B. Cronin referred to a 3m stretch from Creamery Cross to Knockataggle to the bog which needs to be inspected.

The Meeting concluded at 3.10pm.

P. Corkery

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SEO Corporate Services

Cllr. M. Moloney
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD