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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD IN THE TOWN HALL, KILLARNEY ON FRIDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2018

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA gCRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH I HALLA AN BAILE CHILL ÁIRNE AR AN AOINE, 2 FEABHRA 2018

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. B. Cronin
Cllr. J.J. Culloty
Cllr. M. Gleeson
Cllr. D. Grady**

**Cllr. M. Healy-Rae
Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher
Cllr. B. O'Connell
Cllr. J. Sheahan**

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen	Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney
Mr. P. Neary	SE Operations
Ms. B. Conway	Meetings Administrator
Ms. E. O'Donoghue	Municipal District Officer
Mr. K. O'Halloran	EE Killarney
Mr. B. Mulhern	AE Killarney
Mr. D. Ginty	A/Senior Planner
Mr. G. O'Brien	A/SEO Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement and Housing Estates Unit
Mr. N. Horgan	CO Housing Estates Unit
Ms. M. Ní Cheallaigh	AO Tourism Development
Mr. C. Mangan	SEE Water Services
Mr. C. O'Leary	EE Water Services
Ms. C. Farrell	SEO Housing
Mr. T. Brosnan	AO Housing
Mr. J. Purcell	A/SEE Corporate Affairs
Ms. M. Galvin	CO Corporate Support

The meeting commenced at 10.20am.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher took the Chair.

18.02.02.01 (a) Confirmation of the following Minutes:

- (a) On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Gleeson, Seconded by Cllr. B. O'Connell, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 6th December 2017 be confirmed.

Cllr. D. Grady and Cllr. M. Healy-Rae noted that they did not wish to be associated with the adoption of same.

- (b) On the Proposal of Cllr. B. Cronin, Seconded by Cllr. D. Grady, it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Killarney held on 15th January 2018 be confirmed.

18.02.02.01 (b) Reception of Deputations

- (a) **Deputation from the residents of Mount, Scartaglin regarding issues with the road surface and the need for extra lighting**

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher welcomed (*name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **to the meeting.**

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **and advised that she would be discussing issues with the road at Mount, Scartaglin.**

(*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) **addressed the meeting and read the following to those present:**

"Thanks John Joe for inviting me here today to represent the people of Mount and for the work and effort that you put into promoting our community.

I am here today to talk about the poor condition of the road and lack of safe provisions in our area. My road is known as Mount, which is situated at the top of Scartaglin Village. Over the past 10 years the population in Mount has increased which subsequently has created a situation where the village has expanded into another area. In a 350m radius there are 18 households, a total of 47 residents. In 7 of these homes there are 17 young children, all of pre-school and primary school aged and there are several elderly residents. In this small area there are 3 working agricultural farms which involve heavy duty machinery passing on a daily basis and the volume of this increasing at various stages of the farming calendar. One child gets a bus daily to and from school in Killarney for extra learning needs and there are 3 other children in this 350m with extra needs. All 18 households are paying their Local Property Tax since it came into effect in 2013. The majority of these homes have one if not two in full time employment.

My areas of concern are as follows:

- 1. The poor state of repair that the road is currently in. I acknowledge that the road was patched on Tuesday this week, however, as we have known in the past, this temporary solution has not lasted. If an ambulance had to get access to some of my***

elderly neighbours it would be with great difficulty and the subsequent return journey would no doubt cause further distress and discomfort. One could liken the situation to a road in a third world country. I propose today that funding is set aside to resurface the road. Funding also to install proper drainage pipes at the site of the road. I would like to highlight today that the temporary patching is a complete waste of the tax payers money and public resources. It is not lasting, it is futile, so why continue with a process that is not improving conditions and is wasteful. Drains are not opened on the road and this needs to occur.

- 2. The current structure of the road is a safety issue. There is a bad bend on the road that could be easily resolved. Currently there are very near misses at this point each day. I propose today that this is dealt with as a matter of urgency. It is extremely unsafe for residents, especially our most vulnerable, the elderly and our children and the people of the area to use this road due to its condition and structure. During the spring, summer, autumn, the grass and brambles are not maintained on this bend which makes it a further safety hazard. I am aware that this is the duty of the landowner, however, if they are not taking responsibility, I am of the strong opinion that the local council has a duty of care to its people to follow up on such matters.***
- 3. I propose that the Council consider a speed limit review as a matter of urgency. This rural public road is at 80 km which promotes and encourages some reckless drivers to continue to drive or attempt to drive at this speed. Along with reducing the speed limit, signage needs to be erected highlighting that there are children in the area and to slow down. There is a fatality waiting to happen with the current status of the road.***
- 4. Although Mount is more populated than the actual village, we have no amenities to match the growing population. There is no lighting in the area and in my 30 plus years living on the road, no funding for lighting has ever been granted. Again, as a matter of urgency and to ensure safety for the residents, I propose that funding is granted for the erection for at least 3 - 4 lights.***

Rural rejuvenation is a buzz word that I have heard floating for many years now, however, we in our area are still back in the 1980s with the lack of safe provisions. I have no difficulty as a full-time working mother paying all my taxes, however, when there is no return for my money, it causes deep frustration. My children often ask what it was like growing up in Scartaglen Village when I was their age. I simply have to tell them to look around and that absolutely nothing has changed or improved in amenities. Yes we have a beautiful cultural centre, however, this was funded by the people of Scartaglen and surrounding areas.

We will have no sewage system, no footpath to safely walk around the village, no pedestrian crossing to allow children and parents to safely cross to school, no warning lights/safety signs to ensure that the

reckless speeds are reduced when passing from the pre-school to the end of the Church which again is within a short radius of one another. I was made aware last night that funding was granted for warning lights near the pre-school. The road from the Heritage Centre leading towards Mount is extremely narrow. When there are events taking place it can lead to difficulty gaining access to the road leading to Mount, particularly if emergency services had to gain access.

To conclude, the graveyard has grown full with our ancestors and the characters of yesterday that have put Scartaglen on the map. Sadly the village has been forgotten and it would be heartening to witness some improvements in services for the people of Mount, the village and for all of the parish to continue with our status as a village renowned for its culture and tradition, not a forgotten ghost village."

Cllr. Culloty thanked the speaker for her presentation. Cllr. Culloty asked the Council to examine resurfacing the road, removal of the bend, hedge cutting, extension of the lighting and installation of a reed bed system.

Cllrs. B. O'Connell, M. Healy-Rae, B. Cronin, D. Grady, J.J. Culloty, J. Sheahan, M. Gleeson and N. Kelleher welcomed the deputation and acknowledged the difficulties as outlined by the speaker.

Mr. P. Neary thanked the speaker for attending the meeting and stated that he would ask the Killarney MD Engineer to review the issues raised.

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

- (a) In accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in charge of estates, to consider any objections or representations received and the making of an Order declaring the following roads to be a public road pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993:

Declaration of Road to be Public Road at the following location:

- Meadow Court, Tonbwee, Castleisland, Co. Kerry

Cllr. B. O'Connell advised that he lived directly adjacent to this road and that he had worked closely with the Residents' Association and his neighbours for many years on the proposed taking over of this road. He added that he was delighted as the local Councillor to formally Propose the Taking in Charge of Meadow Court.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher noted the report for the Members.

The Cathaoirleach confirmed that Cllr. B. O'Connell had Proposed the Taking in Charge Proposal and Cllr. M. Healy-Rae had Seconded the Proposal.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. Healy-Rae and Cllr. D. Grady, the Cathaoirleach confirmed that the Order of Speakers is decided on by the Cathaoirleach.

The Cathaoirleach advised all business must be carried out through the Chair and that his decision is final.

- (b) To consider the proposed works and the Killarney Municipal District Manager's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the refurbishment of the Cultural Centre, East Avenue Road, Killarney.

Ms. A. McAllen read the Municipal District Manager's Report to the Members.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher asked what is the timeframe for completion of the works and also noted that grant aid had been received from the Department of Arts for these works and asked if that funding was specifically for use on the Cultural Centre. He enquired if the grant for this project would affect requests for other grants and asked that if this funding is not used for the Cultural Centre, would it be lost.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked what was the position regarding the grant aid. This refurbished Cultural Centre will be an added attraction to this tourist town. He enquired what the capacity of the Centre will be. Cllr. Cronin also enquired if its development would in any way interfere with the re-development of Áras Pádraig.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated it was great to see the positive submissions in the report. This facility will be a huge addition for Killarney and can be opened up in good weather. He asked when would the works expected to be completed.

Cllr. D. Grady asked when would the works commence and be completed. He expressed concern about the grant allocation and if it would affect the Áras Pádraig project.

Cllr. Cronin stated that it would be insane to let €120,000 remain unused and he would be opposed to selling any asset within the town and we should develop what we have.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he was delighted to recommend the report presented to the Members. Cllr. Gleeson stated that he has watched the building disimprove and it is detracting from the overall image of the town. Killarney has a rich cultural heritage of poetry and music and

those gifts can now be celebrated. This Centre will further enhance the arts genius of the entire area and enrich the lives of locals and visitors.

Cllr. J. Sheahan stated that the Cultural Centre would be a great home for musicians. Cllr. Sheahan asked for confirmation of how much grant funding the Council will receive for this project.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the project and stated it was excellent to have a facility like this with a stage which could be used by various groups stating it will be a great addition to the town.

The Cathaoirleach asked for a timeframe on how long the Cultural Centre would be unavailable while the works are proceeding.

Ms. A. McAllen confirmed that a grant of €120,000 has been approved from the Department of Arts towards the refurbishment works on the basis that Kerry County Council Art's budget provide an additional €120,000. Overall the refurbishment works will cost €240,000 and the budget has been scaled to this amount.

Mr. J. Purcell stated that the Council were currently advancing the design element of the building. The building is not exempt from Building Regulations etc. These will be advanced in the coming weeks. The tender will be procured over the next 3 - 4 weeks. Mr. Purcell envisaged that works would commence by the end of February - mid March and would be complete by Summer. This is a significant project and will necessitate the closure of the Cultural Centre from March to the end of June.

Ms. McAllen referred to queries that the project might interfere with the development of the Áras Pádraig and replied that this refurbishment was looked at in conjunction with the Feasibility Study and it states the development of the Cultural Centre would complement any development to the Áras Pádraig. These are two different offerings to the arts and culture side of life and on two different scales. The Cultural Centre is for a small scale audience whereas the Áras Pádraig will be a theatre style venue and will attract a different type of arts offering. Ms. McAllen stated that by investing in the Cultural Centre, we are putting future investment into Áras Pádraig and investing into arts and culture in Killarney Town.

The Cathaoirleach asked if receiving grant aid for the Cultural Centre would be a deterrent to receiving grant aid for the Áras Pádraig.

Ms. McAllen replied that it will, in fact, assist the Áras Pádraig as Killarney will need a larger facility.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Proposed that the proposed works and the Killarney Municipal District Manager's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning &

Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the refurbishment of the Cultural Centre, East Avenue Road, Killarney be adopted.

This was Seconded by Cllr. B. Cronin.

The Cathaoirleach declared the proposal to be carried.

Cllr. Grady Proposed that the Proposal before the Members would not be adopted.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher stated that as Cllr. Grady's Proposal was not Seconded, then his Proposal had failed.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher advised the Members that at the Special Meeting of the Members held on 15th January 2017, it was agreed that Proposal that only the Proposer of the Notice of Motion would get to speak on their Motion for 1 minute and that no discussion would take place on replies to Questions.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher stated that he and Cllr. B. O'Connell wished to move an Emergency Motion at this stage.

Cllrs. N. Kelleher & B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council immediately solve the issue of flooding at Kilbanivane Cemetery, Castleisland.

Reply: An Assessment of Flooding at Kilbannivane Graveyard was prepared for Kerry County Council by consultants in August 1995. This was following a history of flooding, dating back to 1947 and more particularly to incidences during the winters of 1993-1994 and 1994-1995, when higher than normal rainfall was recorded.

This report identified that the graveyard lies within a saucer shaped catchment (19.3Ha), with the depression across the road from the graveyard, where there is a sluggaire, being the lowest point. The area has been prone to flooding during periods of intense and long lasting duration rainfall events. There are no known houses at risk of flooding at this location.

Under normal conditions, storm water which accumulates in the graveyard and the roadway discharges, via the sluggaire, to a conduit in the limestone which appears to have sufficient available capacity.

The Consultants Report in 1995, considered a number of options to alleviate the flooding at this location. An option of laying a drain over a distance of 600m to the Anglore stream was identified in the report. However it was also acknowledged that this pipe would not have adequate capacity to alleviate the flooding at Kilbannivane when the Anglore stream is at flood level.

Following flooding of properties at Tullig in 2008 and 2014, a further assessment was carried out, which identified a number of mitigation

measures, including raising of an overflow weir and clearing of the Glenshearoon River as well as a culvert replacement at Tullig. The raising of the overflow on the Glenshearoon River and the clearing of this river was identified as a measure to reduce the risk of flooding at Kilbannivane.

In making the application to the OPW for funding, provision was also made for the laying of a drain from Kilbannivane to the Anglore stream, as identified in the 1995 report. All of the works, with the exception of the laying of the drain to the Anglore stream were constructed in 2015 and 2016.

A number of concerns were subsequently raised of the potential risk of flooding along the route of the proposed drain from Kilbannivane. This is being assessed and the Council recognizes the concerns of the local residents and the potential of transferring the flooding risk from the graveyard to their houses. Other alternatives to reduce the risk of the flooding in the graveyard will be considered as part of this assessment.

It is our intention to have this assessment complete for the next Killarney MD meeting.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that this has been very well highlighted in the media and has been ongoing for some years. This situation is very distressing for families of relatives. Cllr. O'Connell asked that remedial measures be undertaken to rectify this situation, particularly regarding the Glenshearoon River.

This was supported by Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher who asked that everything be done to ensure we have an assessment before the next meeting and a solution found to the problem.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that each Member should be allowed to speak on the matter as it is an Emergency Notice of Motion.

Cathaoirleach Kelleher agreed that each Member could speak for 30 seconds.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the Glenshearoon River should be dredged which would be a minor cost.

Cllr. B. Cronin supported the sentiments expressed and stated that the situation was completely unacceptable whereby water was lodging in the Graveyard with nowhere to escape.

Cllr. J. Sheahan supported the Emergency Motion and agreed that this situation was very upsetting for families of the deceased and was not acceptable.

Cllr. D. Grady agreed with his fellow colleagues and stated that the situation needs to be rectified urgently.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae in supporting the Motion stated that it was unacceptable that a person could not visit their loved one's grave or

have a situation where a funeral might not be able to proceed due to the flooding.

Cllr. M. Gleeson, in support of the Motion, stated that people in death and their relatives deserve due dignity.

Mr. P. Neary stated that an assessment was being conducted and apologised for the delay in providing same. In 1995 a Consultant's Report recommended laying a drain over a distance of 600m to the Anglore stream which would help but not alleviate the situation. Mr. Neary stated that Mr. G. Riordan was in discussions with the OPW about this matter and a final assessment will be prepared and it is hoped to revert to the Members shortly.

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

It was agreed to note the following Report from Mr. M. Scannell, Director of Job Creation / Sustainable Economic Development Directorate which was circulated:

Economic & Community Development Report

KILLARNEY Municipal District

2nd February 2018

Director of Service: Michael Scannell

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

Enterprise Ireland is currently finalising the annual budget allocation for each of the LEOs nationally. A slight increase in overall funding is anticipated.

The Local Enterprise Office has continued with the roll out of training programmes in 2018. Initial bookings are very strong across all programmes. A full Start Your Own business programme to cater for up to 20 participants is commencing in late January in Killarney. In addition 2 workshops on social media are taking place in Q1 in Killarney.

Work is ongoing on the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Programme with the County finals and Regional finals just completed. The winner of the Best Start Up category in Kerry and subsequently in the Regional finals (Kerry, Limerick, Clare and Tipperary) was Niall Harty who is based in the Firies Food Hub.

The schools enterprise programme is nearing completion and a number of schools in the MD are participating.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Regional Enterprise Development Fund

The investment of " 30.5 million under the Enterprise Ireland-led Regional Enterprise Development Fund was announced by Minister for Business, Enterprise, and Innovation, Heather Humphreys on Monday 11th December 2017 and will forge new paths for economic growth and accelerated job creation in the southwest, building on regional strengths in financial services and the agritech sectors.

The Global Centre of Excellence in Agri-Tech will be developed in association with IT Tralee and north Kerry-based dairy equipment manufacturing company, Dairymaster, with the support of Kerry County Council. It will position Kerry as the national leader in agri-tech training, research and development and will enhance the county's reputation internationally as being at the forefront of the international agri-tech industry.

The Killorglin-based RDI Hub will build on the southwest regional strengths to establish its position in globally connected financial services provision, innovation and ICT skills hotspot. The hub will be based at the former Liebig factory building in Killorglin and will nurture entrepreneurs, research and development and training in the financial technology sector.

Minister Humphreys has also announced financial support for Kerry SciTech which is a not-for-profit organisation led by industry and supported by IT Tralee and Kerry County Council. Based at the Tom Crean Business Centre at the IT Tralee North Campus, the primary aim of KerrySciTech is to promote and highlight Kerry as a science and technology hotspot.

There have also been allocations for the Sneem Digital Hub and the Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub (MolTeic) in Dingle.

The announcement of funding follows a recent decision by Kerry County Council to set aside funding in its 2018 Budget to assist in the development of key economic projects in the county in keeping with the objectives of the South West Regional Action Plan for Jobs and the council's own strategic economic development objectives. It is also a resounding support for the ambition of IT Tralee and local industry leaders to develop these projects with the support of the local authority, representing true collaboration across the public and private sectors.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

Our Kerry Brand Guidebook

Following the official launch of the Kerry Destination Brand by Minister Brendan Griffin, in December 2017, a Brand Guidebook has been produced by the Tourism Unit. As it is essential that the brandmark is reproduced correctly and consistently, the Guidebook explains the brand essence and outlines the correct use of the logo, its application, associated colour palette for the brand, logo typefaces etc. Both electronic and hard copies of the guidelines will be widely distributed to the tourism sector throughout the county to encourage use of the new brandmark. The guidelines and downloadable versions of the logo are available on www.kerryournaturalescape.ie or by emailing the Tourism Unit tourismoffice@kerrycoco.ie

Accessible Tourism

ENAT has been working with Kerry County Council and the Killarney Chamber of Commerce and Tourism to establish a pilot project for the first Accessible Tourism Destination in Ireland, centred on the town of Killarney, its local venues, services and tourism offers, with the ultimate aim of achieving the ENAT quality label for the town. This project is being supported by Fáilte Ireland. The contract for the provision of training and consultancy services for Accessible Tourism has been awarded and work on the delivery of the project has commenced.

There are four main outputs of the project. These include:

- Development and delivery of a programme of training and capacity building for Senior Staff.
- Team building, planning and stakeholder engagement.
- Carry out an accessibility audit of selected areas in Killarney town and develop an action plan based on results of the audit.
- Marketing and Promotion of Killarney as an Accessible Tourism Destination.

Critical to the project is the delivery of a training programme to Kerry County Council senior staff. This training has now been organised and will be delivered over 1 ½ days in March.

CMT Travel Fair, Stuttgart

Kerry County Council / Destination Kerry hosted a stand at CMT . Europe's largest consumer travel fair . in Stuttgart, Germany from 13th to the 21st January 2018. Kerry Airport, Killarney Chamber of Tourism, and Bonane Tourism were represented at the stand. Germany is Kerry's largest Continental market and there was extremely strong demand for the Kerry products at the fair.

COMMUNITY

Community Support Fund 2018

The 2018 Community Support Fund was launched in the Tralee Bay Wetlands Centre in December. The fund has been refocused this year to target funding under five categories of support. There is ongoing work with community groups to process payments under the 2017 fund and a number of the outstanding projects were processed during the past number of months. In addition groups were notified of the 2018 closing dates and support was provided to groups during the application process.

LEADER Programme

In 2017, the Local Action Group (LAG) met on 12 occasions, the final meeting of the LAG for 2017 was held on the 12th of December 2017 where 68 Expressions of Interest were presented. To date 551 expressions of interest have been reviewed by the LAG and 102 applications approved for LEADER funding to the value of "1.7million . representing one-fifth of projects approved nationally.

SICAP 2018 – 2022

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme 2018 . 2022 (SICAP) is based on the previous SICAP 2015 . 2017 Programme. The new programme design has taken into account feedback from a national consultation process which took place in the first half of 2017. The tender process for the appointment of Programme Implementers to the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2018 to 2022 has been completed and the award of the contracts approved by the LCDC at the November meeting. The Funding Agreement with the successful Programme Implementers appointed to each of the 3 Lots, namely NEWKD, SKDP and IRD Duhallow, was signed in December.

RAPID Funding

The Department of Rural and Community Development advertised a recast RAPID capital grant programme with the over-arching objective being to facilitate a more integrated approach to funding and supports in disadvantaged urban areas/provincial towns. In Kerry the funding was targeted at Community Safety initiatives such as; community CCTV equipment, signage for community alert groups and enhanced security measures for a number of community buildings. This Programme is being administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) under the remit of the Local Authorities (LAs) on behalf of the Department.

The following groups were successful in the Killarney Municipal District:

- Ballyspillane Community and Family Resource Centre - " 18,000
- Kilcoolaght Residents Association - " 1,100
- Castleisland Community Centre . " 800.00
- Ballydribeen Residents Association . " 796.00

Healthy Ireland Funding

In November 2017, a grant of p100,000 was awarded to the Kerry LCDC to fund 12 actions, across the three initiatives of Healthy Ireland Strategic Plans. The actions listed include a number of initiatives targeted at increasing physical activity, healthy

eating & the general well-being of young people, older people and employees which is in line with the priorities agreed in the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).

Healthy Ireland Actions

1. Appointment of a Health and Wellbeing Officer to co-ordinate the development of a Strategic Plan to promote healthy communities in Kerry
2. Develop a Health & Wellbeing brand to include Healthy Cities and Counties
3. Swim for a Mile Teens
4. School Mile Challenge
5. 'Dance Off' with Teens in Killarney
6. Development of Cycling Programmes for Older People
7. Health & Wellbeing for All in Kerry
8. Targeted Health & Wellbeing Programmes with Active Retired Groups across Kerry
9. Training the trainer through the creative exchanges programme
10. Men's Group Train the Trainer
11. Development of a Work Place Wellbeing Programme
12. Sexual Health and Well Being Programme with Tralee International Resource Centre and KASI

Kerry Age Friendly Programme

Work is underway to complete the Kerry Age Friendly Strategy. Developing Kerry as an Age-Friendly County is an element of Kerry Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP), 2016-2021. High Level Goal 3.5 states;

Promote Kerry as an age-friendly county and strengthen collaboration between statutory agencies and voluntary & community organisations to improve health, wellbeing, safety and participation of older people. (Section 7; Community & Social Inclusion)

In December, a discussion document was presented to a half day consultation in cooperation with the LCDC. The completion of Kerry's Age Friendly Strategy is a priority in 2018.

Kerry Public Participation Network – website kerryppn.ie

Registration of groups is now open and all community & voluntary groups have been notified of this. Groups are encouraged to register. There is no charge for registration. Caroline Toal is now the Development Officer for the Kerry PPN.

The site is kerryppn.ie; is a very useful site for community information.

PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Killarney Municipal District Local Area Plan

Members of the Planning staff met with Dept. of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the Killarney Municipal District Plan. A number of items were discussed including the requirement to review the existing quantum of land use zonings in Killarney Town in order to comply with the CORE strategy of the current County Development Plan 2015 . 2021.

The plan is, at present being finalised and following completion of the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Directive Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment it is envisaged that the statutory process will commence.

(d) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As I have been raising the matter frequently at Area Meetings, would the Council please inform if there is an intention to develop a permanent sound system for Killarney Town Centre.

Reply: Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce are investigating the possibility of applying for Leader funding for such a project.

Cllr. Gleeson asked that the matter be progressed so that he will not have to put the Motion down again.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update with the taking in charge of Meadow Court, Castleisland? People have been waiting for this for a long time.

Reply: A taking in charge application for this estate was received on the 15th March 2017. The statutory process for the taking in charge of this estate commenced with the placement of an advertisement in "The Kerryman" newspaper on the 18th October 2017. Submissions were allowed up to the 1st December 2017. No submissions were received and the formal taking in charge of this estate is before the Members for consideration at today's meeting.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed that the estate had been taken in charge. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated there was an issue with Irish Water and the length of time it was taking for approval to be received.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

3. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the update with taking charge of the following estates - The Forge and The Stables, Barraduff.

Reply: Kerry County Council has not received a taking in charge application for this estate. The developer has recently been provided with a list of the outstanding works that require completion.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher stated that he thought there was a Bond in place for The Forge and Stables and enquired if negotiations had taken place.

Mr. N. Horgan confirmed that there was a bond in place and Kerry County Council would be following this up with the Bondholder. No Taking in Charge application had been received.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher advised the Members that as agreed, the Questions would be taken as read.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council please make a determined effort to revive the Allotment project that functioned for a few years in Killarney?

Reply: The Municipal District Officer will review the previous Allotment project.

2. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has approval been received from Uisce Éireann to allow for the Taking in Charge of Oakfield, Park Road, Killarney?

Reply: We are currently not in a position to submit this estate to Irish Water for approval. We are awaiting the CCTV Survey and Water Audit from the developer to determine what works, if any, are required underground. The majority of the overground works have been completed. We have made the developer aware of what is required to be submitted. We will then be in a position to issue the developer with an itemised list of the outstanding works. Once all outstanding works have been completed we will then be in a position to advance the taking in charge process.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When will the Killarney Town Plan be presented to the Members of the Killarney Municipal District? Also, to ask for an update on same.

Reply: Members of the Planning staff met with Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the Killarney Municipal District Plan. A number of items were discussed including the requirement to review the existing quantum of land use zonings in Killarney Town in order to comply with the CORE strategy of the current County Development Plan 2015 - 2021.

The plan is at present being finalised and following completion of the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Directive Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, it is envisaged that the statutory process will commence.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position with the taking charge of Greenfields Estate, Furies?

Reply: This Estate is now ready to be formally taken in charge by Kerry County Council. It will be included in the next batch of Estates to be advertised which will be in March 2018. Following the statutory process, it will then come before the members for formal approval.

5. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the position regarding the proposed works at Mountain View Estate, Kilcummin?

Reply: It is planned to construct a wastewater pumping station and a rising main to connect this development to the proposed Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme. These works will be carried out in conjunction with the development of the sewerage scheme. We are currently reviewing what other works are required to be carried out within the available bond sum and we will endeavour to have these carried out by mid 2018.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what, if any, is the update with the Local Area Plan for Killarney? People are waiting quite some time for this.

Reply: Members of the Planning staff met with Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government in relation to the Killarney Municipal District Plan. A number of items were discussed including the requirement to review the existing quantum of land use zonings in Killarney Town in order to comply with the CORE strategy of the current County Development Plan 2015 - 2021.

The plan is at present being finalised and following completion of the Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitats Directive Assessment and Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, it is envisaged that the statutory process will commence.

18.02.02.03 (a) To note update report from the Quality of Life - 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:

Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: 2nd February 2018

Director of Service: John Breen

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

Lough Leane Working Group

A meeting of the Lough Leane working group was held at the Killarney Municipal Office on Wednesday, 17th January last. The meeting was very well attended and the update report from Mr David Lenihan, Senior Executive Chemist indicated that the waters in Lough Leane continue to be of good status .

This working group is comprised of state agencies such as EPA, Teagasc, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and representative groups such as the IFA and Anglers groups all of whom have an interest in maintaining the very best conditions in Lough Leane. Meetings are held every 6 months and are well attended and most informative.

Fire Services

Business Unit Manager: Capt. Michael Hession, Chief Fire Officer

Training

Eighteen fire fighters have successfully completed their sub officers course in Killarney. This course was accredited by the National Directorate and their course syllabus was delivered.

The final BA Refresher was completed this month. All students successfully completed the course.

Community Fire Safety

A meeting took place between Kerry Fire Service and the Kerry Public Partnership Network (Kerry PPN) regarding the distribution of smoke alarms to vulnerable households in the community under the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme during 2018.

A Christmas fire safety campaign was run during December to promote fire safety during Christmas. This included newspaper adverts, newspaper fire safety article, radio adverts, and sound bites which were aired over the Christmas holiday period.

FIRE OPERATIONS	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Increase/Decrease
Chimney Fires	123	108	-12.20%
Gorse Fires	161	174	8.07%
Other Fires	247	235	
Total Fires	531	517	-2.64%
Entrapment	18	12	-33.33%
Gas/Chemicals	5	2	-60.00%
Hazardous Substances Non-transit	1	1	0.00%
Machinery	1	2	100.00%
Miscellaneous	60	79	31.67%
Other rescue	26	32	23.08%
Water - Rescue/Removal	1	3	200.00%

Road traffic accident	135	131	-2.96%
Water pumping/flooding	10	11	10.00%
Total Special Services	257	273	6.23%
Total False Alarms	170	158	-7.06%
Total Number of Incidents	958	948	-1.04%
Total Number of Mobilisations	1138	1155	1.49%

Fire Safety and Prevention:

- Fire Officers carried Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers' recommendations to the relevant Courts during December.
- During Performance Inspections were carried out on a number of premises in December.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of December 2017 was 436 which is a
 - 4.3% increase on the figure of 418 for the same period last year.
 - This consolidates the 2017 indication of an increase of over 4.3 % in construction activity.
- The Building Control Section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of December 2017 a total of 100 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 138 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents a decrease of:
 - 2.91 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
 - 13.2 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

BUILDING CONTROL	Jan-Dec 2016	Jan-Dec 2017	Increase / Decrease
Fire Safety Certificate Apps Received	159	138	-13.21%
Disability Access Cert Apps Received	103	100	-2.91%
Commencement Notices Received	418	436	4.31%

Library Services

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

“ Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme [2018]

This programme, funded by Pobal under the Healthy Ireland initiative will continue during 2018 with the following elements: (i) availability of a core selection of 45 health related books at each public library in Ireland. (ii) A Healthy Ireland related event to be held at each library before 1 March 2018. (iii) provision of increased online

resources . available at www.kerrylibrary.ie (iv) a national promotion of the *Healthy Ireland at Your Library* campaign.

A full programme of events at each Kerry library will be announced shortly. The following is the Castleisland & Killarney libraries schedule:

(i) Castleisland [March, exact dates to be confirmed]

1. From the kitchen to the pitch ó talk aimed at secondary school children by Kevin Beasley
2. Diabetes Ireland Information talk

(ii) Killarney [March, exact dates to be confirmed]

1. Diabetes Ireland ó talk on diabetes focusing on nutrition and exercise
2. Sports Performance & Nutrition

“ Library Statistics 2017

There was an **increase of 4%** in the no. of items borrowed across Kerry libraries during **2017**. The total no. of items borrowed was **668,598**.

The 2016 figure was 644,376 while, in comparison, the 2007 figure was just 359,533.

Tralee was by far the busiest library with 182,834 items borrowed, a **13% increase** over 2016. All other libraries other than Ballybunion had increased borrowings during 2017.

A reduced Mobile Library service (one vehicle had to be withdrawn from service in July) resulted in a reduction in the no. of items borrowed down to 94,546 items borrowed in 2017 as opposed to 119,086 the previous year. It is expected that a new/second vehicle will come into service by mid-year.

Both **Killarney** and **Castleisland** libraries had a **6% increase** in the no. of items borrowed during 2017.

Library	2016	2017	% Change
Ballybunion	31,170	30,183	-3%
Castleisland	44,787	47,523	6%
Caherciveen	30,801	32,039	4%
An Daingean	40,348	40,656	1%
Kenmare	41,759	43,664	5%
Killarney	78,753	83,718	6%
Killorglin	52,944	58,659	11%
Listowel	46,457	54,776	18%
Mobile 1	42,687	39,047	-9%
Mobile 2	72,804	55,499	-24%
Tralee	161,866	182,834	13%
Totals	644,376	668,598	4%

“ Kerry Library events programme

Details at www.kerrylibrary.ie

KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí
 Achoimre Stádais ar an 23^ú Eanáir 2018
Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme
 Status Summary at 23rd January 2018

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 on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licenses.

IRISH WATER CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016

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

<u>WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>			
Project	Status		
Central Regional Water Supply Scheme	Description	Value	Status
	Water Treatment Plant - DBO	€ 30M	Works underway, contractor Glan Agua ; completion date is April 2018 .

<u>CIP WASTEWATER PROJECT, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT</u>	
Project	Status
Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme	Planning Permission confirmed by An Bord Pleanála. Wayleave issues outstanding; IW plans to go to Tender in 2018 and Construction in 2019 ; Value €2.7M
Castleisland Waste Water Treatment Plant	A review of the performance of Castleisland WWTP is currently being carried out by Mott McDonald Consulting Engineers.
Killarney Drainage Area Plan	Approval has been received from Irish Water for the assessment of the existing sewer networks and waste water treatment plant; Tender Documents to appoint Consultants , prepared by KCC in 2016, are to be issued by IW in the coming weeks.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a **Minor Capital Works Programme**. This is a rolling programme of **minor improvement works** which can be added to as the need arises. **Works of value €2M have been completed since 2014** in the Killarney Municipal District and the list of current projects for which Kerry County Council has applied under the Minor Capital Works Programme is outlined in the following table:

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME, KILLARNEY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
CRWSS Kenmare Place Killarney	Replace 100M of 150MM CI with 200MM uPVC pipe	" 100,000	Complete
CRWSS Ballyspillane Killarney	Replace 200M of 200MM AC with 250MM uPVC pipe	" 84,000	80M Complete
Rathmore WSS Cloonts	Replace 500M of 200MM AC with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 94,000	Approved
CRWSS Allman's Tce Killarney	Replace 250m of 80mm CI with 80MM uPVC pipe	" 89,000	Approved
CRWSS Farranfore	Replace 600MM Sluice Valve	" 19,000	Approved
CRWSS Castleisland Main St	Replace 700M AC, CI and Lead pipes with 150mm uPVC main.	" 250,000	Approved . Feb 18
Shrone WSS	Lay 4200M of 200MM main Shrone Cross to Reservoir; Provide pumphouse	" 900,000	Approved Mar . Jun 18
Barraduff WSS	Lay 4800M of 150MM main from Shrone Reservoir to Barraduff Reservoir	" 800,000	Summer 2018
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains	PRV and Controller at Doocarrigbeg, Barraduff	" 28,000	Approved
Rathmore WSS Gleann Rua Est.	Replace 230M of 100MM watermain	" 35,000	Approved
CRWSS Brewsterfield Mains	Replace 4.5KM defective mains Knockanes, Headford	" 570,000	Requested
Shrone WSS . Raw Water Main	Replace water main from Lake to WTP	" 160,000	Requested
Total APPROVED works on hand		€2,399,000	

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, Community and Local Government. Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.** The funding for the Department's **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 - 2018** was announced in August 2016.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

Funding has been allocated in the 2016-2018 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of Inch Foildaun (€510,000) and Laccabawn-Fahaduff (€100K).

It is planned that the connection of Inch Foildaun to the CRWSS at Glenflesk by extended watermain and the replacement of the GWSS mains network will go to **Tender in early 2018.**

Tenders received for the upgrade of the pump stations at **Laccabawn** are currently being assessed, with a view to the works going ahead in the coming weeks.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would state if the completion of the Reed Bed treatment facility in the western Demesne, Killarney is still being actively considered by Uisce Éireann, the NPWS and Kerry County Council. Its completion could greatly benefit the overall water quality of Killarney Lakes.

Reply: The inclusion of an Integrated Constructed Wetland in the wastewater treatment options to be considered for Killarney Town has been suggested to Irish Water in the context of the Drainage Area Plan, which Irish Water intends to prepare for the town. Irish Water has been favourably disposed to the use of Integrated Constructed Wetlands in circumstances where these have been feasible and the Council will continue to advocate consideration of this option.

Cllr. M. Gleeson read the following to the Members.

"Killarney's greatest natural asset, Lough Lein was almost destroyed by untreated sewage. The treatment plant has done and is continuing to ensure the lake's survival. But more could be done to prevent phosphates

entering the water. Kerry County Council is about to provide a reed bed facility in Lixnaw. There is also a very efficient integrated Constructed Wetland in Castle Leslie, Glaslough, Co Monaghan. Such a project was partially developed in Killarney almost 20 years ago and then forgotten. The circular area is developed, the piping may be partially done. What's now needed is the will and the unity of purpose. The end products will be absolutely pure water fit for human consumption and world famous lakes that are pristine."

Cllr. Gleeson stated this was a very real and live issue for Killarney Town Council in the past. Such a project was part-developed in Killarney 20 years ago but was never progressed. Cllr. Gleeson asked that such a project would be advanced.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

It was agreed to move Notices of Motions No 2, 4 and 5 together.

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Irish Water to prioritise the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme as residents are suffering much expense due to the poor road condition which cannot be addressed until the sewerage project is delivered.

Reply: Kerry County Council's decision to grant Planning Permission for the proposed Scheme was upheld by An Bord Pleanála in early October 2017. There are some Wayleave issues outstanding. Irish Water is currently in communication with the landowners.

Irish Water has replied to a recent Dáil Question that it plans to go to Tender in 2018 and Construction in 2019 for the proposed Scheme, the cost of which is provisionally estimated at " 2.7M.

Cllr. Sheahan called on Irish Water to expedite the project as residents are unhappy with lack of progress as residents are unhappy with the lack of progress.

This was Seconded by Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher.

4. Cllr. B. Cronin: Now that planning has been granted for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme, will Irish Water begin the work in 2018 so that the road from Coolcorcoran to Kilcummin can be resurfaced.

Reply: Kerry County Council's decision to grant Planning Permission for the proposed Scheme was upheld by An Bord Pleanála in early October 2017. There are some Wayleave issues outstanding. Irish Water is currently in communication with the landowners.

Irish Water has replied to a recent Dáil question that it plans to go to Tender in 2018 and Construction in 2019 for the proposed Scheme, the cost of which is provisionally estimated at " 2.7M.

Cllr. B. Cronin agreed with Cllr. J. Sheahan's sentiments. Cllr. Cronin asked why the tenders cannot be advertised and begin the works in 2018 and reinstate the road.

5. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to get Irish Water to speed up and progress without further delay the Kilcummin Sewer as the people have put up with the disgraceful condition of the road for a long time and asking them to wait until the end of 2019 isn't fair.

Reply: Kerry County Council's decision to grant Planning Permission for the proposed Scheme was upheld by An Bord Pleanála in early October 2017. There are some Wayleave issues outstanding. Irish Water is currently in communication with the landowners.

Irish Water has replied to a recent Dáil question that it plans to go to Tender in 2018 and Construction in 2019 for the proposed Scheme, the cost of which is provisionally estimated at " 2.7M.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae enquired why it would take a year for the tender process and said this was not acceptable.

In reply, Mr. C. Mangan stated that Irish Water have clearly set out their schedule. There has been a demand for the Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme for perhaps 20 or 30 years, and Irish Water has now committed to providing the long awaited infrastructure next year. There are three Wayleaves to be secured as outlined in the replies to the Notices of Motion, and the Tendering process does take time. Obviously, Kerry County Council is not privy to all aspects of Irish Water's plans, schedules and modus operandi, but the Council's Water Services Department is very satisfied that this project is going ahead in 2019.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked if it would be possible to put down the pipe on a stretch of bad road.

Mr. Mangan replied this was not possible because all the works will be part of one main contract. Irish Water will commence these works in 2019.

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to write to the Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government, Eoghan Murphy, TD requesting Irish Water to begin the process of constructing a sewage treatment system for Scartaglin Village.

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

There is no existing public Sewerage Scheme in Scartaglin and there is no provision for a proposed Scheme in Irish Water's national Capital Investment Programme 2017-2021. When Irish Water was preparing its Water Services Strategic Plan in 2014, Kerry County Council made a submission which requested the provision of waste water infrastructure to the unsewered villages of the county, including Scartaglin.

However, Irish Water's policy is to give priority to upgrading existing substandard sewerage schemes, and also to meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences for existing sewerage schemes, prior to considering investment in new schemes or in extensions to existing schemes.

Irish Water's current position is that it has no funding stream to provide (or extend) services to properties with private sewerage facilities - works of this nature can only be undertaken at the expense of the property owners and on foot of Connection Agreements.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the problem here is that there is no sewer. There are 20 - 30 houses here that need to be connected. Cllr. Culloty asked that the Council write to Irish Water and say we are looking for a simple 'wetlands' system that would be very effective.

Cllr. B. O'Connell Seconded the Motion.

6. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and Irish Water when are they going to lay the new watermains from the Cork Road at Brewsterfield to Knockanes and Headford and to Barraduff to help the people of Knockanes who are on high ground and who suffer from poor pressure and no water at times.

Reply: The cost to install new / larger watermains would be substantial. Irish Water has allocated " 28,000 for the carrying out of network modifications to facilitate the switching of the existing water supply to this district from the Central Regional Water Supply Scheme to the adjacent Barraduff WSS to the east, which is at a substantially higher pressure. These modifications are currently underway and the situation will then be monitored in the coming weeks to check the resultant volume and pressure available to these customers.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated that there was very poor water pressure and sometimes no water for these residents. Cllr. Healy-Rae enquired if the €28,000 would be sufficient to solve the issues.

Mr. C. Mangan stated that the area is currently served by the Central Regional WSS from the Glenflesk side and the plan is to switch to the Barraduff WSS which is at a higher elevation higher and should increase the water pressure. The results of the changes to the system will be monitored over the coming weeks. Mr. Mangan agreed that the pipes do need to be replaced in the longer term.

Mr. C. Mangan informed the Members that the pipe laying in Main Street, Castleisland was due to start on Monday.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. D. Grady: What progress has been made in relation to Kilcummin Sewerage Scheme and details on up to date route.

Reply: Kerry County Council's decision to grant Planning Permission for the proposed Scheme was upheld by An Bord Pleanála in early October 2017. There are some Wayleave issues outstanding. Irish Water is currently in communication with the landowners.

Irish Water has replied to a recent Dáil question that it plans to go to Tender in 2018 and Construction in 2019 for the proposed Scheme, the cost of which is provisionally estimated at " 2.7M.

2. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: What number of septic tank inspections has been carried out in the Killarney Municipal District? How many have failed? What is the reason for these failures? What is the take up level for the grant, which was set up to assist in rectifying the systems which have failed?

Reply: Kerry County Council has to date carried out 53 septic tank inspections in the Killarney MD under the National Inspection Plan since 2013. Of these, 29 failed the initial inspection and received Advisory Notices. The vast majority of these failures related to relatively minor issues such as the need for de-sludging, clean-waters entering the system etc. Since 2013, 14 Grants have been paid countywide, 2 of which relate to the Killarney MD. This low number is due to a number of factors, including: de-sludging works do not qualify for grant aid; most of works required are relatively minor and therefore low-cost etc.

3. Cllr. B. Cronin: Has the required funding to replace the water main at Green Lawn, Killarney come through?

Reply: There are 6 houses at the far end of the cul-de-sac Green Lawn in Killarney which are served by a 75MM asbestos cement pipe, laid in the 40s / 50s. This water main is laid in the back gardens of the houses, the extensions for which are built over the old pipe.

There was one break in 2016 and 2 breaks in 2017 on this pipe. Accordingly, it will be necessary to lay 55M of new main along the public lane in front of the houses and also to reconnect / re-plumb the 13mm service connections to each of the 6 houses from the front. The Council has made a submission for the funding, provisionally estimated at " 20,000, to Irish Water, and the matter has again recently been discussed with the Utility.

18.02.02.04 (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

26TH JANUARY, 2018

A/Director of Service: Martin O' Donoghue

Housing Report – KILLARNEY

Municipal District.

The figures provided in this report cover the period from 01 Jan 2017 to the 31 Dec 2017

- **Housing Applications**

	No
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	1355
Net Need for Killarney MD (excluding transfers)	1078
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	267
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	203

- **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	6
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	5
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	1
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	<u>12</u>

- **Social Housing Options**

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies since the start of the year	Current No of tenancies
LA Housing	31	716
RAS	16	206
Leasing	21	73
HAP	87	87
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>1082</u>

4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Rathmore/Barraduff	20 No.	8 No. two bedroom & 12 No. three bedroom units, two storey	Nov 2018	Nov 2019
Killarney/Pinewood Estate	5 No.	4 No. one bedroom Apts. & 1 No. two bedroom unit	Oct 2018	Oct 2019
Killarney/Pinewood Estate	1 No.	Three bedroom single storey	Feb 2018	Dec 2018

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>
Killarney	20 No.	Three bedroom units, two storey	Feb. 2017	April 2018

House Acquisitions since the start of the year 2017.

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Killarney	1	4 bed	February
Firies	1	3 bed	April
Castleisland	1	2 bed	August
Castleisland	1	3 bed	December
The purchase of a further 7 houses has been agreed and are progressing.			

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2017, 955 No. requests for repairs have been received for the Killarney Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2017, 111 No. grants have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January, 2017, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the Killarney Municipal District.

8 Sale of Houses under the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 – Water Charges.

Circular 44/2015 dated 11 December 2015, regarding the payment of water charges on sale of a property under the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme 2016 advises that following the enactment of The Water Services Act 2017 (No.29 of 2017) on 17 November 2017, tenants are no longer required to provide a certificate of discharge from Irish Water to show that the relevant water charges have been paid.

Kerry County Council have 40 Tenant Purchase applicants to whom we wrote to at receipt of application stage, informing them that payment of water charges was a requirement of eligibility. These applicants had not provided proof of water charge payment or informed us of non-payment.

We will write to each of these applicants shortly, informing them that water charge payment is no longer a requirement and asking them to confirm that they now want us to continue with processing their tenant purchase application.

9 Annual Count of Traveller Families 2017 and Their Accommodation Position.

The Annual Count of Traveller families and their accommodation position required us to return in respect of the position on **Friday 24th November, 2017. The total number of Traveller households in Kerry on this date was 418.**

10 National Guidelines for the Assessment and Allocation Process for Social Housing Provision for People with a Disability.

The Guidelines which accompany Circular 37/2017 update and replace the previous Guidelines that issued with Circular 49/2014. The revised Guidelines come into effect on the 17 October 2017. The purpose of the Guidelines is to assist local authorities with the management of the housing assessment and allocation process for people with disabilities including those living in the community and those transitioning to the community from residential care. The Guidelines are intended to support housing authorities in carrying out assessments of housing need within a planned and structured framework to ensure that all housing options are available to people with disabilities. The Guidelines have been prepared by the Housing Agency following extensive consultation with relevant Departments, the CCMA, the HSE and disability organisations and take account of policy and legislative changes since the publication of the 2014 Guidelines. Training will be provided to Local Authority staff early in 2018 in relation to the implementation of these guidelines.

Analysis of length of time on the waiting list by number of bedrooms - Killarney MD

Years Waiting	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed
0 - 2 years	227	143	110
3 - 5 years	130	104	83
6 - 8 years	124	77	90
9 - 12 years	67	50	62
< 12 years	17	19	22
	565	393	367

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher referred to the Directorate Report and in particular to the "Analysis of length of time on the waiting list by number of bedrooms" which he welcomed. The Cathaoirleach noted that the majority of applicants were looking for 1 Bedroomed houses and also commented that anyone waiting over 12 years for a house was concerning.

(b) Notices of Motion - Housing and Corporate Services

1. Cllr. D. Grady: That we would monitor radon gas levels in our Local Authority houses in the Killarney Municipal District area.

Reply: Killarney MD will continue the roll out of testing and monitoring all newly acquired and constructed properties for Radon Gas.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was aware that the Council monitored the radon in newly acquired properties. What he was asking in his Motion was that the Council put in radon gas test kits in certain developed areas to see if there was a high radon reading. Cllr. Grady stated this was done in the past and suggested that this practice be continued.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would look at all options on dealing with the homeless.

Reply: Kerry County Council Homeless Unit continues to review and assess all options available to us for those experiencing and presenting as homeless in the County. The Homeless Unit is always actively seeking to add to those supports already available to them and will continue to do so into the future.

Cllr. D. Grady noted there were improvements in relation to the homeless but not enough. Cllr. Grady asked why people were taken over to Tralee instead of providing a facility in Killarney. Cllr. Grady asked what has happened in relation to Armagh House as finance had been ringfenced for this but nothing has been done about it.

3. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council and the Housing Section to provide a detailed breakdown of how much maintenance money was available for Council houses in the Killarney Municipal District in 2017 and how that money was typically spent.

Reply: The maintenance budget for Killarney MD was " 173,000, which was allocated to maintain the existing Housing stock. The main maintenance call outs were Electrical faults, Plumbing/ heating repairs, chimney repair, roof repairs and associated works which are outside the responsibility of the tenants agreement with Housing.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked how many houses would be covered in the €173,000 budget. Cllr. Healy-Rae stated that there was not enough money in the maintenance budget. Items like doors being replaced are going on for months.

Mr. T. Brosnan stated that all expenditure is done on a case by case basis and advised if Cllr. Healy-Rae had particular concerns, that she could discuss same with him.

Ms. McAllen stated that the housing maintenance budget has been maintained over the years.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council for an update on the vacant rural cottage in Knockaninane, Kilcummin, which I highlighted at a recent full Council Meeting?

Reply: The housing Department are currently reviewing the file with our Law Agents in relation to this property. There will be a decision shortly as to the most viable option for the property.

2. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what progress has been made with acquiring 4 and/or 5 bed houses for the Castleisland area?

Reply: We have recently agreed the purchase of 2 x 4 bedroom houses in Castleisland town. They are currently going through the conveyancing process. Kerry County Council is actively looking to acquire properties in the Castleisland area. The primary focus of our programme (both construction and purchase) is on the areas of greatest demand which are smaller units . 3 bed units primarily. We will however continue to avail of any opportunities to acquire larger properties.

18.02.02.05 (a) To note update report from the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate

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

Operations, Safety & Infrastructure
Directorate Report

Killarney Municipal District

DATE: 2nd February 2018

Director of Service: Charlie O'Sullivan

1. Road / Transportation

National Primary/ National Secondary

Measures	Project	Update
Major Schemes	N22 Farranfore to Killarney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme has been reactivated and received allocation of €25k to update Project Appraisal Documentation
Minor Schemes	N72 Stagmount	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ground Investigations complete Part 8 will be published in February 2018 TII Allocation -€100k
Pavement Overlay	N71 (Molls Gap) Five Mile Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor Appointed, Works to commence Feb
	N71 Port Road, Killarney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor Appointed, Works to commence Feb
	N72 Barraduff West Pavement Overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Design Stage
	N72 Forge Cross to Rathmore Pavement Strengthening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Design Stage
Junction Improvements	N22 Lewis Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheme Appraisal being updated Preliminary Design Underway TII Allocation -€25k
	N22 Ballycasheen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Feasibility Report with Options Prepared
	N22 Coolcaslough	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Feasibility Report with Options Prepared
Bridge Improvements	N23 Dysert Bridge replacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender Published- December 2017
	N71 Flesk Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment Works complete
	N72 Beheenagh Bridge Widening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender Published- December 2017
HD 15 Schemes	N22 Farranfore Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Design Office Stage
	N22 Madam's Hill to Cleeny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HD 15 Report issued to TII- January 2018
	N22 Brennan's Glen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Design Office Stage
	N22 Rusheen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Design Office Stage
	N22 Poulgorm Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HD15 Report issued in November 2017 TII allocation awaited
	N71 Muckcross Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Design Office Stage
	N72 Gortroe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Design Office Stage

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme

Restoration Maintenance Programme

Bridge Works

Safety Works

The Council is currently awaiting the announcement of the 2018 Grants for Regional and Local Roads by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Local Improvement Schemes

Project	Allocation	Status
Knockacullig South	€22,050	Works Complete.
Ballahantouragh, Currow	€8,615	Works Complete.
Annaghilymore, Headford	€9,306	Awaiting Surface Dressing.
Glountane, Cordal	€9,812	Works Complete.
Coolnageragh, Scartaglen	€27,289	Works Complete.
Adriville, Scartaglen	€31,300	Works Complete.
Coom, Gneevguilla (H+E Local Improvement Scheme)	€49,000	Works complete.
Drombrick, Beaufort	€20,666	Works Complete.
Ardagh, Kilcummin	€29,687	Awaiting Surface Dressing.
Knockatagglemore, Kilcummin	€25,139	Under Construction.
Clydine, Kilcummin	€6,281	Works to commence in March\April 2018

Community Involvement Schemes

Project	Allocation	Status
Knockauncore, Kilcummin	€37,800	Works complete.
Camp, Castleisland	€38,500	Works complete.
Readrinagh, Headford (CIS Retro)	€20,000	Works complete.
Leamnaguila	€18,000	Awaiting Surface Dressing.
Lissivane West	€58,500	Works Complete.

Killarney Town - Other Road and Public Area Works

Project	Est. Cost	Comment
Countess Road Pedestrian Crossing (ramp)	€8,500	Works Complete
Woodlawn Road Overlay Works	€40,000	Works Complete
Park Road Overlay Works	€80,000	Works Complete
Muckross Road / Ross Road Junction Killarney (upgrade of traffic signals)	€70,000	Works Complete
New Street Footpaths	€20,000	Works Complete
L3909 Beech Road (Tabletop)	50,000	Works Complete

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Project	Allocation	Comment
Firies National School – Safety Measures	25,000	Kerbing, paving and ducting complete. Lighting Installed awaiting power connection
Barraduff NS – Safety Measures	30,000	School Flashing lights installed and installation of zebra crossing ongoing.
Currow NS – Safety Measures	10,000	Works Complete.
Gneeveguilla N.S Safety Measures	25,000	Installation of zebra crossing ongoing.
Kilbannon Graveyard – Local Access Road	20,000	Works Complete.

Town and Village Renewal

Project	Allocation	Status
Gneeveguilla Village Enhancement – Undergrounding	€50,000	Tendering process ongoing.
Castleisland - Refurbishment of Roof and Tourist Office	€84,171.60	Works have commenced
Rathmore Village	€100,000	In Design
Farranfore Village	€40,000	Works have commenced

Ongoing Works

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

2. Works Update - Killarney Traffic Management Plan

Measures	Project	Update
Traffic Calming and Public Realm Enhancements	Plunkett Street Traffic Calming Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Complete
	High Street Enhancement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To survey design and apply for a Section 38
	Provision of Table Tops New Street\ Beech Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Completed
Relief Roads	Inner Relief Road from Monsignor O'Flaherty Road to New Street via Boreen na Goughan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant appointed to prepared Land Agreement\Acquisition, Detail Design, Contract Docs, Tender Process & Assessment.
	Link road from Park Road to N22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design Options being considered
Other Traffic Management Measures	Replace the Traffic Lights at Woodlawn Road and Ross Road with an Intelligent System (MOVA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works Complete
	Signage Improvements throughout the town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be surveyed
	Additional visibility of private car parks that are accessible to the public including Penny's Car Park, Malton Car park, Scott Street Car Park and the Outlet Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works complete
Town Car Parking Options	Electronic Signage and SMS real time information to be available for parking availability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission received under review
	Car Parking Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lands acquired on Rock Road, Part 8 Process Approved
Cycleways / Walkways	Muckross Road to Ross Road Cycleway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part 8 Process Approved.

3. Accessibility Update Report

The following works are being considered as part of consultation with Killarney Access Group

- High St Toilets – Upgrade to Accessible Public Convenience (Tender Process Completed, Contractor to be appointed in early 2018)
- Dish Crossing at two locations to entrances on Pike Hill, Cork Road – Works to be completed by Q1 2018.

4. Other Operational Matters

4.1 Burial Grounds

Knockeenduff Burial Ground – Work has commenced on the construction of the burial ground. Initial progress has been hampered due to the level of rainfall in January however, it is hoped to have the graveyard open for burials by the end of March / early April 2018. This is a very ambitious works programme. Works involve Temporary Fencing, Site Clearance, Excavation of unsuitable material, Construction in excess of 100 space carpark, Drainage Works, Boundary Walls, Installation of bore well, Footpaths, Headstone Plinths, and the Provision of Gates.

4.2 Public Lighting

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 74

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 39

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 24

Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days – as listed underneath.

Killarney MD Outstanding Faults not completed within 12 days

General Location	Road/Address	Num	Fault Staus/Description
Castleisland	Desmonds Ave	8378	Fault being investigated- non routine.
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Killarney	N-71	3133	Additional traffic management required
Killarney	N-71	3842	Additional traffic management required
Killarney	N-71	2550	Additional traffic management required
Killarney	Ardshanavooly	2395	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Farranfore	N-23	107	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Farranfore	N-23	84	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Farranfore	N-23	119	Awaiting special materials delivery
Killarney	Lackabane	1	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Currow	Village	8569	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Killarney	N-72	3890	Additional traffic management required
Killarney	N-72	3895	Additional traffic management required
Rathmore	Shrine to East End	8095	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Rathmore	Lower Shinnagh	8124	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Rathmore	Shrine to East End	8109	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Killarney	N-21	13423	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Castleisland	Riverside Drive	8390	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Castleisland	Tullig	8581	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Castleisland	Caislean Mor	4	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Castleisland	Caislean Mor	7	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Rathmore	Mallow Road	8123	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Rathmore	Mallow Road	8122	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Castleisland	Cahereen	8507	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Killarney	St. Margarets Road	2760	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Killarney	Park Road	2760	Fault being investigated- non routine.
Killarney	N-22	191	Additional traffic management required
Killarney	N-22	3697	Additional traffic management required
Killarney	N-22	3724	Additional traffic management required

4.3 Roads Enforcement

Road; No.	Date of notice issue.	No. of notices issued.	Compliance Y/N	Action
L3019	15/09/17	1	Y	Hedges Cut
L3006	15/09/17	1	Y	Hedges Cut
R561	28/11/17	3	Y	Hedges Cut
L3001	28/09/17	9	Y	Hedges Cut
L11007	28/09/17	5	Y	Hedges Cut
L7023	05/10/17	4	Y	All cut except one. Final Notice Served
L7048	25/10/17	9	Y	All cut except one. Final Notice Served
L7055	26/10/17	1	Y	Land owner has engaged contractor to remove trees
L11023	26/10/17	3	Y	Hedges Cut
L4040	26/10/17	5	Y	Hedges Cut
L7044	20/11/17	2		Further Inspection. Notice returned as landowner unknown. KCC will continue to try to contact landowner.
L3011	20/11/17	8	Y	Agreement reached with Landowners that KCC would cut hedges around Coolcashlagh Transfer Station
L3014	21/11/17	5	Y	Hedges Cut
L3018	27/11/17	1	N	Notice refused by landowner, reissued through ordinary post. If failure to comply continues, KCC will cut hedges and proceed to recover cost from landowner.

5. Capital Infrastructure

Lough Leane Project

An agreed understanding regarding the environmental constraints of the project has progressed and the Steering Committee is confident that an agreed position in relation to the proposed routes impact in the Tomies to Dinish section in particular will be reached.

A proposed extension of the greenway from Fossa to the Gap of Dunloe is being developed in partnership with the Fossa Community and Development Association. It is proposed that this may become a standalone project and will be progressed concurrently.

Works are progressing on a number of other key sections.

- Fossa Way/Golden Nugget to Gap Cross - Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) have agreed to carry out the traffic calming measure works outside the

Golden Nugget and other required works to extend the fossa way cycleway the Gap Cross. Operations to confirm scope and timeline for completion.

- Gap Cross to Liebherr lands - Design complete and agreement with landowner is ongoing.
- Liebherr Lands – Survey and preliminary design is complete. Design to be finalised to allow an agreement with Liebherr regarding the extent of the land transfer required. Tender for fencing is complete.
- An application to the South Kerry Development Partnership was made for LEADER funding. A decision is expected in May 2018.
- Laune Bridge Crossing – Consultant MRG are due to submit the Section 50 application to the OPW for the preferred Bridge Option. The design is revised from the original intent to incorporate a greenway up to the Gap of Dunloe
- Laune Bridge to Tomies Cross - Further surveys and design is required to finalise the route and to allow landowner discussions.
- Tomies Cross to Gap of Dunloe – Route corridor options to be agreed followed by survey and design to allow landowner discussions.
- Entrance to Tomies wood. NPWS have finalised purchase of the Courtney lands required for the new access road and car park at Tomies Woods. Funding to construct the car park is not currently in place.

Killarney

The construction of 20 No. Houses at Park, Killarney scheme, commenced in Feb 2017. Construction is progressing well and on target to be finalised in Feb 2018.

Rathmore

An external design consultancy team has been appointed for this scheme. Stage 2 approval request, with initial design and costing, seeking permission to go to planning is to be submitted to the Department in January 2018

Charlie O’Sullivan

Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

(c) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would widen the exit from Countess Grove onto Countess Road on the left hand side only.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Office have entered into discussions with the HSE with a view to acquiring a piece of ground in order to improve this junction.

Cllr. D. Grady noted the reply.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would progress works at the junction at Cathedral Place/Mission Road, reverting it back to two lanes onto New Street.

Reply: Kerry County Council has consulted with the TII in regards to this junction, and while it is agreed that widening of this junction to a two lane approach would reduce the queuing times during busy periods, it is the opinion of the TII that this would compromise Pedestrian Safety at this location and therefore the TII are not in agreement in reverting to a two lane approach.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was disappointed with the reply.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District obtain a written report on flood relief in the Killarney Municipal District area for the past three years, outlining works which have been completed and those which remain outstanding with a completion date for same.

Reply: Outside of the maintenance works (i.e. road drainage, culverting, etc) that have been carried out directly by Killarney MD staff either from own resources or from storm damage allocations, the following are being proposed by the OPW through the National CFRAM project. The OPW South Western CFRAM Study area covers the Killarney MD area. Within this South Western area, potential flood risk measures were developed for Killarney, Glenflesk and Castleisland. These Options went through a series of Public consultation meetings, arranged by the OPW, and preferred options were chosen. These options, along with other similar scheme options for other flood risk areas around the country are at present with the Minister where these scheme will be categorised into Small, Medium and Large, and then prioritised for funding. Once this national prioritisation has been agreed by the Minister, the OPW then intend reverting back to the elected members for consideration/discussion.

For Castleisland, a suite of measures including an Impoundment Area at the Anglore Stream, a new Flow Channel at Tullig and Embankments/Walls in the center of the town, are proposed by the OPW. These works are estimated at approx. " 5.2m.

For Killarney, a series of Flood Embankments/Walls are proposed at various locations including at the Ross Rd. and at the WWTP (Demesne), the

southern bank of the Flesk River east of Flesk Bridge (Poulnamuck and Coolclogher), northern bank of Flesk River(Ballycasheen) and at the Caravan Pk (Ballycasheen and Lisavigeen). These works were estimated at approx. " 1.3m.

For Glenflesk village, a series of embankments were proposed but given the small number of properties they would protect, these were not deemed viable by OPW. (Est > " 800,000).

A number of properties in the Glenflesk area, have been submitted (with the owner's consent) to the OPW for consideration under the Voluntary Home Relocation Remedial Works scheme., and at present the only application in the country for funding under this scheme is at Foiladuane, and this is being considered by the OPW. Early indications are that this will be looked on favourably by the OPW. The OPW intend speaking with the other effected property owners, ahead of individual schemes being proposed for their properties.

In October 2013, " 40,000 funding was allocated for vegetation clearance at the Cullavaw River, Rathmore. This work was carried out in 2014. The Killarney MD Engineer, KCC Flooding Unit Engineer and Biodiversity Officer intend walking the area in the next few weeks. If appropriate and subject to agreement by the OPW, an application for funding will be made to the OPW, with the aim of carrying out the any proposed work in the next available window. (June to Aug 2018)

With regards OPW funded Minor Works schemes completed in the Killarney MD area in the last three years, over " 200,000 was expended on extensive culverting works at Tullig, Castleisland (2015 to 2017). These works are over and above the CFRAM works proposed for Castleisland. Also, a Minor Works Application was successful for Flood Embankment works at Currow, and " 77,000 was allocated by the OPW in September 2017. Initial clearance took place in October this year, but the heavier works have been programmed for June 2018 next year, in line with Fisheries requirements for working on rivers, and to minimise damage to land in the wetter winter period.

Cllr. D. Grady thanked the Council for works that have been done to date but stated that more work needs to be done.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would obtain a costing regarding the proposal as outlined by Mr. David Doyle, Senior Engineer in respect of the provision of car parking spaces at Loughquittane National School. On Health and Safety, we should work together to resolve this serious problem.

Reply: This Loughquittane National School is located on the L3013, a Local Primary Road. Kerry County Council has inspected the location and has submitted it to the Department of Transport Tourist & Sport (DTTS) for a Low Cost Safety Scheme. Unfortunately, it was unsuccessful, therefore other sources of funding, will need to be considered.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that parking is an issue as over 100 students are attending this school. Cllr. Grady asked that Mr. D. Doyle visit the school and report back with his findings.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Notice of Motion No. 10 at this stage.

10. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council please give an update on the progress being made towards the development of safe and adequate parking adjacent to Loughquittane National School.

Reply: This Loughquittane National School is located on the L3013, a Local Primary Road. Kerry County Council has inspected the location and has submitted it to the Department of Transport Tourist & Sport (DTTS) for a Low Cost Safety Scheme. Unfortunately, it was unsuccessful, therefore other sources of funding, will need to be considered.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the reply was hugely disappointing and it would not cost too much to solve. Cllr. Gleeson stated he did not want to see any accidents occurring here and asked the Council to find a solution.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the Council will investigate other sources of funding.

5. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That in order to enhance pedestrian safety and to acknowledge the commitment of the residents of Park Drive, Killarney to maintaining their properties to a very high standard that the Council would resurface the footpath on Park Road that fronts those residences.

Reply: Killarney Municipal District Office will consider this project for funding in the 2018 Footpath Improvement Programme.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that these residents are involved in the upkeep and maintenance of their own estate. The trees in the estate were vandalised years ago and were never replaced. Cllr. Gleeson asked that the Council co-operate with these residents to maintain the high standard in their estate.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would in conjunction with the development of the Walkway cum Cycleway from Ross Road to Muckcross Road enter into discussion with the local angling clubs with a view to determining if fishing stands, to facilitate people with disability, could or should be developed adjacent to this pathway.

Reply: Kerry County Council will discuss this proposal with the local angling clubs.

Cllr. M. Gleeson welcomed the reply and stated that these stands are hugely beneficial and popular in other parts of the country and would be a wonderful enhancement to the town.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: That the Council would take due cognisance of the large numbers of people crossing Mission Road as they walk to and from Killarney House and Gardens and proceed in conjunction with the TII in the development of a controlled pedestrian crossing.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out traffic and pedestrian surveys to determine if a crossing is warranted at this location. We will revert back to this Council with details of this survey.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that he has had this Notice of Motion on the Agenda four times. Crossing at this location is increasing year on year and is used widely by the elderly.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

8. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As the standard of public lighting in Ballyspillane Housing Estate is extremely poor, that the Council would make financial provision for its upgrading. Health and Safety demands that appropriate action is taken.

Reply: Currently Kerry County Council operate and maintain 71 No. public lights within Ballyspillane and Hazelwood Drive. As part of our routine maintenance, as any lanterns are damaged or are beyond economical repair, we then change them out for an LED lantern. As outlined in the Public Lighting Policy, any requests for public lights to be provided and operated by Kerry County Council will be assessed annually having regard to the available resources and the policy.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated that the standard of lighting in Ballyspillane is extremely scarce and totally inadequate.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that a survey would be undertaken in Ballyspillane in the short-term. However, there may be a National Project rolled out in the medium term to upgrade all public lights to LED.

9. Cllr. M. Gleeson: As I have on numerous occasion submitted requests to have the ponding on the L.7047, [particularly along by the ESB substation] at Upper Lissivigeen eliminated, would the Council please inform if financial provision has been made to allow this very necessary work to get done.

Reply: The elimination of ponding on the L-7047 requires extensive stormwater drainage works, including 250m of corripipes along the road edge and reinstatement. Kerry County Council has estimated the cost of works at " 26,875 and financial provision is not currently available. This proposed work would also be subject to agreement with landowners.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated he previously submitted numerous Notices of Motion on this. Cllr. Gleeson noted that the estimate was high and asked the Council to find finance from some source.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

10. Cllr. M. Gleeson: NoM 10 moved in conjunction with Motion No. 4.

11. Cllr. B. O'Connell: Following my previous motions can Kerry County Council give an update on the current position in relation to Dysart Bridge, Castleisland.

Reply: The tender for the works associated with replacement of Dysert Bridge on the N23 was published in December 2017 with Tenders due in February. It is envisaged that the Works Contract will be completed in 2018. It is likely that the N23 will be closed for at least three months to facilitate these Works.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that the N23 was the most dangerous and worst section of National Primary road in the County. There are two junctions on the western side of the bridge, Farran and Dysert Junctions. Adequate measures must be taken to ensure there is an adequate sight distance so people accessing the N23 can do so safely. Cllr. O'Connell asked that the Council meet with the residents.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to discuss this with the National Road Design Office.

12. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That Kerry County Council overlay a section of the L7025 road this year. Due to an increase in heavy traffic and adjoining road closures, this road has deteriorated badly and should be resurfaced out of the funds put aside from the reinstatement funds kept aside following the development of wind farms connection to the grid locally.

Reply: Kerry County Council has " 1,289,720 available to it for permanent road\trench restoration. To date " 85,0000 has now been allocated to the L7022.

Of the remaining " 1,204,720, Kerry County Council are in the process of preparing and agreeing detailed breakdown of how and where we propose to allocate the funds to restore the roads which were affected by the trenches. Haul routes such as the Ballinahulla L. 7025 will be considered.

Approximately 800m of the L7025 is in need to restoration at an estimate cost of " 60,000. Restoration Maintenance Funding could also be used to fund this road and this will also be taken into consideration.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher noted the reply.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed he will meet with Mr. J. Ahern at the location and prepare a plan for the whole area and revert to the Members.

13. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council explain why, after numerous Motions and two deputations, absolutely nothing has been done to combat the speeding or to put traffic calming measures in place at Barrack Street, Castleisland.

Reply: Kerry County Council carried out improvements to lining and road markings on this Street in 2017. Kerry County Council also carried out a Speed Survey which did not indicate a need for traffic calming measures. The Municipal District Engineer is agreeable to meet the Councillor at this location to review his concerns.

Cllr. B. O'Connell stated that he had discussed the matter with Mr. J. Ahern the previous day and was confident that something would be done here.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

14. Cllr. B. O'Connell: That Kerry County Council commission an audit on pedestrian safety at College Road, Castleisland and refer the matter to the Road Design Office.

Reply: Kerry County Council will carry out an audit of this location taking into account the issues raised. Given prior commitments Kerry County Council will not be in a position to carry out this Audit until Q 3 - 4 2018. Depending on the outcome, Kerry County Council will consider submitting this location for funding under the Local Cost Safety Scheme 2019.

Cllr. O'Connell asked that this be referred to the National Road Design Office due to the high volume of traffic and consequent safety issues at this location.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary confirmed that resources would be allocated to this and that a design would be undertaken.

15. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council if it is possible to install a pedestrian crossing adjacent to Kilcummin National School.

Reply: Kerry County Council intend to enhance pedestrian facilities adjacent to the school subsequent to the resurfacing of the L3018 through Kilcummin village.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked if this could be prioritised and it is overdue. Cllr. Sheahan enquired if the Council would provide a School Warden for school start and finish times.

Mr. P. Neary replied that a commitment was given to enhance pedestrian facilities when the works were completed. Mr. Neary stated that he could not commit to the provision of a School Warden.

16. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County to install a footpath from Pairc Cuimin to Kilcummin Village as children have to walk this busy route on their way to school.

Reply: In order to install an appropriate footpath from Pairc Cuimin to Kilcummin Village, Kerry County Council need to acquire a section of land. Kerry County Council staff have previously met with the relevant landowners, however attempts to date to acquire the land by agreement has proved unsuccessful. Kerry County Council will again approach the landowners, before the end of Quarter 1 2018, with the view of acquiring the land.

Cllr. J. Sheahan asked that the Council review this again.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

17. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to resurface Mission Road and along by the Jarvey Stand in Killarney. A suitable hard wearing road surface product is necessary to ensure that the overlay project is a success.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. B. Cronin moved Notice of Motion No. 29 at this stage.

29. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can proper road surfacing be done on the bad section of Killarney Town Centre road from the jarvey stand adjacent to the International Hotel on to Mission Road and down to the entrance to the National Park. This is the town centre roadway and must have a proper durable surface.

Reply: A Contract has been awarded for the overlay of the Port Road. Part of this Contract is to overlay the Rut/Track along the Mission Road to the entrance to the National Park. Kerry County Council have now extended the contract to include the Rut/Track around the Ha Ha. It is expected that the overall contract will begin by the end of February. The surfacing of track on the Mission Road & Ha Ha will be given priority. Kerry County Council will use the most appropriate road material available to them in carrying out these works.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply.

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Cllr. Cronin asked that hard wearing road material be used so the road does not cave away.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher moved Notice of Motion No. 39 at this stage.

39. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can the road at Ha Ha be resurfaced?

Reply: A Contract has been awarded for the Overlay of the Port Road, part of this Contract is to overlay the Rut/Track along the Mission Road to the entrance to the National Park. Kerry County Council have now extended the contract to include the Rut/Track around the Ha Ha. It is expected that the overall contract will begin by the end of February. The surfacing of track on the Mission Road and Ha Ha will be given priority. Kerry County Council will use the most appropriate road material available to them in carry out these works.

Cllr. Cronin asked that a hard wearing road material be used so the road does not cave away.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher stated that the surface of the Ha Ha was unacceptable. The jarveys are a very important part of the town's infrastructure but there is a track worn on that road.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that he could not commit to resurfacing the section by the Ha Ha before the Port Road section. In relation to the road material, Mr. O'Halloran stated that not much had changed over the years. The PSV value has the same rating for the past 15 - 20 years. Mr. O'Halloran stated that he hoped that a strong chip could be used for these resurfacing works that would withstand more wear and tear.

18. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a larger turning area at Arbutus Grove, Killarney.

Reply: There are currently no plans to increase the turning area at Arbutus Grove as the existing area has been designed in accordance with the required standards.

Cllr. Sheahan asked that the turning area be made bigger to facilitate a school bus.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that if the area was increased, people would park their cars there resulting in the area being blocked. There are no plans to carry out any improvement works at this area.

19. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a pedestrian crossing at East End, Rathmore.

Reply: Kerry County Council are preparing a feasibility report on the upgrade of Rathmore to DMURS standards. This will incorporate and improve pedestrian facilities such as Footpaths, Public Lighting, On-Street Parking, Pedestrian Crossings and Junction Improvements. This Pedestrian Crossing will be considered as part of this report. The Report will be submitted to the

Safety Section of TII, in Q1 2018 for approval for funding to proceed with detailed design and construction.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed the reply and he hoped a positive outcome would be forthcoming.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

20. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council, in conjunction with the OPW, set about replacing the sections of wall, which have fallen on the N71, from Torc Waterfall car park towards Ladies View.

Reply: The TII have engaged consultants to examine the wall structures along the N71 in this area. Inspections have been carried out and intervention works for the defects identified are currently being scheduled.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply.

21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council to erect specific electronic deer warning signage on the approach to Killarney from Fossa, and also on the approach to Killarney on the Muckcross Road.

Reply: Kerry County Council are preparing a feasibility study to be submitted to the TII for the purpose of acquiring funding to design and construct Safety Improvements on the N72 from Ballydowney to Liebherr Factory. Kerry County Council will request the TII to consider the provision of these specific signs at both locations.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that this was very important and is used in other countries.

22. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council, to carry out repairs on the road from Annaghmore Cross (Creamery Cross) to Knockmanagh. Some sections of this road are subsiding and need urgent attention.

Reply: Patching will be carried out on this road in the coming weeks.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty noted the reply.

23. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council carry out repairs to the Mount Road in Scartaglin as it is urgently in need of major work to bring it to an acceptable standard for all those who use it. Also, to make sure that all gullies are free of debris.

Reply: Extensive skirting and drainage works have recently been carried out along with pothole repairs on the L-11106 Mount Road, further patching will be carried out in the coming weeks on this road.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty welcomed the reply and stated he would liaise with the Engineer on the matter.

24. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council continue street lighting to the large number of houses on the Mount Road in Scartaglin Village.

Reply: Kerry County Council have no plans or adequate funding to provide lighting at this location. However, as outlined in the Public Lighting Policy, any requests for public lights to be provided and operated by Kerry County Council will be assessed annually having regard to the available resources and the policy. The provision of such lighting will be assessed having regard to the following criteria: 1) recorded pedestrian volumes at the location during the hours of darkness, 2) Recorded traffic volumes at the location during hours of darkness, 3) Accident records, and 4) Garda records on criminal activity at the location.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged the reply.

25. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To call on this Council, to, as a matter of urgency, carry out significant improvement works on a section of the L7025, at Ballinahulla, Ballydesmond, which has been damaged by the large number of trucks transporting material to a nearby wind farm project, and also to inspect the bridge at Glashbuí, Ballinahulla, which is taking these heavy trucks. This bridge was not designed for this traffic, and should have a weight restriction.

Reply: Kerry County Council has " 1,289,720 available to it for permanent road\trench restoration, to date " 85,0000 has now been allocated to the L7022.

Of the remaining " 1,204,720, Kerry County Council are in the process of preparing and agreeing detailed breakdown of how and where we propose to allocated the funds to restored the roads which were affected by the trenches. Haul routes such as the Ballinahulla L. 7025 will be considered.

Approximately 800m of the L7025 is in need to restoration at an estimate cost of " 60,000. Restoration Maintenance Funding could also be used to fund this road and this will also be taken into consideration.

A visual inspection of this masonry bridge has been carried out and found the bridge to be in good condition with no visible damage to parapets, abutments and no deformation of the arch. The bridge was previously gunnited with no sign of structural problems, accordingly the introduction of a weight restriction at this location is not warranted.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty acknowledged the reply.

26. Cllr. B. O'Connell: When will the lags and damage to the road from Pike Hill to Glountane that occurred from the wind farm development be rectified and repaired as promised?

Reply: Kerry County Council has " 1,289,720 available to it for permanent road\trench restoration, to date " 85,0000 has now been allocated to the L7022.

Of the remaining " 1,204,720, Kerry County Council are in the process of

preparing and agreeing detailed breakdown of how and where we propose to allocated the funds to restored the roads which were affected by the trenches. Haul routes such as the Pike Hill to Glountane will be considered. Restoration Maintenance Funding could also be used to fund this road and this will also be taken into consideration.

Cllr. B. O'Connell welcomed the reply and stated that he presumed the €1.2m would be spent in the locality where all the damage was carried out and did not want the money to be utilised elsewhere.

Mr. P. Neary replied that the bulk of the funding available from the Road Opening Licence is for roads where ducting was laid. However, a review of all the roads damaged in the area will take place.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

27. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that the very bad section of road at Lissataggle, Gortalea be included in the 2018 roads programme as it has been over 40 years since any proper work was done on this road.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Office will consider this section of road (L2012) when drafting the next 3 Year Roads Programme. Kerry County Council has inspected the road of 600m is poor condition and would require funding via the Road Restoration Programme. In the meanwhile every effort will be made to maintain this road within the constraints of our Road Maintenance Budget.

Cllr. Cronin stated that in formulating the 3 Year Roads Programme, that these roads should be included.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

At this stage Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher left the meeting and Leas-Cathaoirleach J.J. Culloty took the Chair.

28. Cllr. B. Cronin: When do Kerry County Council expect to open up the Local Improvement Scheme to public applications and also to deal with applications already on hand.

Reply: The last priority list for Local Improvement Scheme was completed in 2007, following an advertised call for applications. A total of 254 applicants were prioritised for funding, having satisfied the qualifying criteria. Following the closing date in 2007, any late applications were retained but were not assessed given the large number of applications on the priority list and having regard to the level of funding available.

Between 2007 and 2012, when funding for the Scheme was suspended, a further 92 applications were received. Members were advised in 2012, that the Council could not accept any further applications without significant state funding being provided.

Given the allocation of approximately " 1m in 2017, which allowed for 43 schemes to be funded, and an indication of further funding in 2018, which should allow for a significant number of the 70 remaining applicants to be offered funding, a commitment was given to the members at the December County Council meeting that a new scheme will be advertised in 2018.

Members will be informed when the new scheme will be advertised, but it would be advisable to await details of the funding being made available in 2018, as the estimated cost of completing the existing programme is over " 1.5m. The Department have indicated that the provision of funding will be announced early this year. The 92 applicants who submitted requests for funding will be informed of the re-opening of the scheme and requested to submit any additional/updated information that they consider may be necessary to support their application. It will not be necessary for these 92 applicants to submit a new application.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked if there was any timeframe in 2018?

Mr. P. Neary stated that at this stage, the Council would have to await notification from the Department in relation to road grants.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher returned to the Chair.

29. Cllr. B. Cronin: Moved in conjunction with Notice of Motion No. 17.

30. Cllr. B. Cronin: Can Kerry County Council ensure that a proper finish is done to all road excavations carried out on the road from Cleeny to Madams Hill and on the Aghadoe road associated with the housing development at Madams Hill.

Reply: As part of the of Road Opening Licence, specific conditions are attached to the licence that include a permanent reinstatement of the road to the required road type. Temporary reinstatement of road excavations were carried out prior to Christmas 2017. The contractor has confirmed once the weather conditions are suitable the permanent reinstatement required finish will be completed.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that the Council ensure the road is maintained and kept in a proper standard until the final finish has been done.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

31. Cllr. B. Cronin: To ask that proper repairs be undertaken to the reoccurring pothole over the water course at the Lawlor's Cross junction with the N22.

Reply: In order eliminate this pothole, Kerry County Council need to replace the old stone culvert crossing the L-3009 at Lawlor's Cross. The estimate cost of this work is " 4,500, the Killarney Municipal District Office are proposing to

fund this work via the Drainage Programme. In the short-term, KCC will continue to maintain the road surface at the crossing by patching.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that this matter has been ongoing and stated that there must be some issue underneath the road surface.

Mr. P. Neary stated that when the Municipal District Works Programme is reviewed, it may include a drainage programme and these works may be funded as part of that.

32. Cllr. B. Cronin: What is the update on the provision of the protective roadside barriers that were costed and promised some time ago at the Kilkneeden junction with the N22, where there is no ditch and a dangerous drop at both sides of junction.

Reply: The N22 at Brennan's Glen has been identified by the TII as requiring Safety Improvement Works. A feasibility report will be prepared and submitted to the TII to address the safety issues. The provision of Safety Barriers will be considered as part of this report. The issue has been logged as a defect on the TII Map Portal App and an application for funding will be submitted upon receipt of quotation for the works by a crash barrier contractor.

In reply to a query from Cllr. Cronin regarding a previous quotation, Mr. P. Neary stated that there are considerable changes in how safety barriers are now designed and an updated tender will need to be prepared.

33. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to consider the L7025 Ballinahulla Road, Ballydesmond for the next three years Roads Programme. This road is in a dreadful state. I understand there is a bond for this road and I ask that commitment be given that this bond be kept solely for repairs to the road.

Reply: Kerry County Council has " 1,289,720 available to it for permanent road\trench restoration, to date " 85,0000 has now been allocated to the L7022.

Of the remaining " 1,204,720, Kerry County Council are in the process of preparing and agreeing detailed breakdown of how and where we propose to allocated the funds to restored the roads which were affected by the trenches. Haul routes such as the Ballinahulla L. 7025 will be considered.

Approximately 800m of the L7025 is in need to restoration at an estimate cost of " 60,000. Restoration Maintenance Funding could also be used to fund this road and this will also be taken into consideration.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae acknowledged the reply and asked that this road be included in the next Roads Programme.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary stated that a Programme of Works for the area was being prepared at present and will revert in due course.

34. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when will an application be made under the Minor Flood Works Programme to clear the Flesk River.

Reply: Tobin Consulting Engineers carried out an extensive assessment of the River Flesk catchment area and the impact of flooding on the N22 and surrounding area. Their draft report has also examined a number of options including channel maintenance and considered them from an engineering, economic and environmental perspective with the objective of alleviating flooding of the N22 in the vicinity of Glenflesk.

The impact of the preferred solution identified is carefully considered in the draft Report. However, before final publication of this report and public consultation, environmental screening to determine the appropriate controls and planning process will need to be carried out. Screening is due for completion in February 2018, and public consultation will follow.

The initial draft of the report identifies that deepening of the river channel by up to 2.5m from Garries Bridge to Glen Bridge, would only give minimal benefits, primarily due to the extremely flat gradient of the Flesk River. The proposal is also economically unviable at over " 5,500,000, with significant environmental issues and construction issues associated with such a proposal. The trimming back of bank vegetation, would reduce the water level by approx. 150mm (6 inches). The reduction of water levels by this amount during a 30 year flood may provide some marginal relief but would not fully alleviate the risk of flooding to properties. We are currently examining if there are additional measures that could be combined with the channel maintenance that could provide a more effective solution to the at-risk properties. Members will be advised of the outcome to these further investigations.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

35. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to erect a sound barrier along the Pike Hill for the benefit of residents in White Bridge who suffer daily due to the noise of traffic passing and to extend down the crash barrier that is in place at the top of the Pike Hill.

Reply: TII have recently prepared a Strategic Noise Mapping Model to inform the Kerry County Council Noise Action Plan which will now be updated accordingly.

If this location is identified as requiring intervention works then the matter will be followed up with the TII. In regards to the to the provision of a crash barrier KCC will refer this onto the TII for consideration.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae asked that the crash barrier be extended and asked that a letter issue to the TII on the matter.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded the Motion.

36. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to reinstate the continuous white line at the Listry Woollen Mills Cross at Ballymallis on the main road to Killorglin. There have been many near misses at this junction as motorists on the main road can now overtake other vehicles which is posing a danger to those coming out at the junction. A continuous white line was in place before road works were done.

Reply: As part of the N72 overlay works in 2017, the N72 junction at Ballymallis was lined as per Traffic Signs Manual (Chapter 7 - Road Markings). The Killarney approach to the junction is currently double-lined with a Continuous Line and Warning Line (Not a Broken Centre Line). The Traffic Signs Manual states that "Warning Lines should be used - As centre lines where it is necessary to highlight the presence of a road junction". In the case of the junction at Ballymallis, the sightlines at the location present an over-taking opportunity.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

37. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the report commissioned by the TII be available regards the proposed solutions for the major flooding of the N22? Can an application be made to the OPW for the trees be cut along the river bank?

Reply: Tobin Consulting Engineers carried out an extensive assessment of the River Flesk catchment area and the impact of flooding on the N22 and surrounding area. Their draft report has also examined a number of options including channel maintenance and considered them from an engineering, economic and environmental perspective with the objective of alleviating flooding of the N22 in the vicinity of Glenflesk.

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In response to a query from Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher regarding the time for reporting to the Members, Mr. Neary replied that he would get clarity on this for the Members.

38. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the current position in relation to the redevelopment of the Áras Pádraig/Lewis Road Carpark?

Reply: A project team will be established in 2018 to begin the process of developing a Masterplan for this location.

In reply to a query from Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher regarding a timeframe for plan, Ms. McAllen advised that there were many projects underway in Killarney at present and she will assess impact of all of these on timelines before a timeframe can be given.

Cathaoirleach Kelleher stated that this project needs to be shovel ready when the funds become available.

39. Cllr. N. Kelleher: NoM No. 39 moved in conjunction with Motion No. 17.

40. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the current position of the proposed relief road at the back of Saint Mary's Terrace.

Reply: Consultants have been appointed to prepare Land Agreements, Detail Design, Contract Docs, and to carry out Tender Process & Assessment to appoint Contractors. The consultants are currently finalising a design for this road. Kerry County Council will be contacting the relevant landowners within the next few weeks, in order to progress this project.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher welcomed the reply.

41. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can a public toilet be developed at the new graveyard site at Knockeendubh?

Reply: The provision of a Public Convenience at the Killarney Burial Ground was not part of the overall proposal for this development.

The location of the Burial Ground is not serviced by the public sewer and a Public Convenience at this location would have to be serviced by a septic tank and percolation area. The construction of such a facility would require in excess of a half-acre of land which would impact on the number of burials within the boundary of the graveyard.

Public Conveniences have not been provided for in other Burial Grounds in the County as typically visits are of a short duration.

42. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can a white light be erected at the pedestrian crossing at Rathmore Church?

Reply: Kerry County Council will inspect the location revert to the member with a report.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

Mr. P. Neary agreed to look at the details for pedestrian crossings and if a public light should be located there, this will be installed.

(b) Proposal in relation to Pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street

Ms. E. O'Donoghue stated that this item is following on from the pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street in 2017. The proposal is as follows:

DATES	TIMES
From Monday, 9 April, all year around	From 7.00p.m. to 7.00 a.m.

The measures will also operate on a trial basis during the following dates:

DATES	TIMES
From Saturday, 31 March to Monday, 9 April, both dates inclusive.	From 10.30 a.m. to 7.00 a.m.
From Friday, 11 May to Monday, 21 May, both dates inclusive	
From Friday, 29 June to Monday, 3 September, both dates inclusive.	

Plunkett Street will only open for deliveries for 3.5 hours.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher stated he was allowing all Members 30 seconds each to speak on the Item.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty stated that the proposal would be hugely beneficial and acknowledged that access would be given to emergency vehicles at night. Cllr. Culloty stated this was a great and safe way of implementing the pedestrianisation.

Cllr. D. Grady stated he was against the proposal.

Cllr. M. Gleeson stated this was the correct way to go as it will create an ambiance in the town. Cllr. Gleeson said everything should be done to advance this.

Cllr. J. Sheahan welcomed this initiative and said it was the right way to go. Cllr. Sheahan asked if the details could be emailed to him.

Ms. E. O'Donoghue agreed to do this.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae welcomed the trial but said that businesses should be approached and their views should be taken into account at the outset.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the pedestrianisation would prove to be a major benefit to the town and a success from a tourist point of view. Cllr. Cronin stated he had a concern with 10.30am as it was quite early but agreed that this could be monitored during the trial. This time might need to be pushed out to 12.00pm or 1.00pm. Cllr. Cronin requested that access be given at all times to emergency services.

Cathaoirleach Kelleher stated that he was in favour of the trial and noted it had worked well in August.

As agreed by the Members, it was agreed to note the replies to the Questions without discussion.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. D. Grady: What progress has been made in relation to provision of road from top of High Street to the back of Dunnes Stores (Bohereen na Goun).

Reply: Consultants have been appointed to prepare Land Agreements, Detail Design, Contract Docs, and to carry out Tender Process & Assessment to appoint Contractors. The consultants are currently finalising a design for this road. Kerry County Council will be contacting the relevant landowners within the next few weeks, in order to progress this project.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: What progress, if any, has been made in respect of moving ESB poles in St. Mary's Terrace, Killarney.

Reply: These poles are ESB Network poles. Kerry County Council has consulted with the ESB and they advised that there are currently no plans to underground the wires and move the poles at St. Mary's Terrace.

3. Cllr. D. Grady: What progress has been made with regard to my Notice of Motion relating to provision of safety barriers on road outside Rathmore towards Shrone Cross.

Reply: As per the previous response from the Killarney MD Meeting of 27th September, Kerry County Council are waiting the TII's Consultants' Road Safety Inspection Report for the N72 National Secondary Route. This report covers the stretch of the roadway from Rathmore to Shrone Cross. If it is identified that a crash barrier is required at this location, then Kerry County Council will progress the matter with the TII.

4. Cllr. D. Grady: What progress has been made with regard to undergrounding of wires in Rathmore Village.

Reply: Kerry County Council has received funding to the value of " 100,000 via the Town & Village Renewal Scheme from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. It is proposed to use some of

this funding for the undergrounding of sections of the overhead wires. We are currently preparing designs for the proposed work.

5. Cllr. D. Grady: Please provide update on slowing of traffic at the new entrance at Muckcross.

Reply: This entrance is located on the N71 a National Secondary Road. It is proposed in the upcoming Speed Limit Review to reduce the speed limit at this location from 100km/h to 80km/h. The Speed Limit Review is to be placed on the Agenda for the next Municipal District Meeting.

6. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has there been any progress in the matter of acquiring land for a car park adjacent to the Church and Funeral Home in Gneeveguilla?

Reply: The Council has again written to the landowner and no response has been forthcoming.

7. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Is the Council in a position to respond positively to the request from the residents of Ballycasheen Terrace, Woodlawn for the installation of Traffic calming measures?

Reply: A design is currently being prepared for a tabletop ramp at this location. A Section 38 will have to be prepared in due course and submitted to the members for consideration.

8. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Has the Council formulated a plan for the development of a landscaped scenic area including parking at the location popularly called Glanshearoon on the N.21? Cllr O' Connell and I have for long been promoting the potential of this majestic location.

Reply: Kerry County Council is currently working with Castleisland Chamber Alliance in relation to a plan for this location. There is currently a shortfall in funding. This project would be appropriate for Councillors allocations.

9. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council and TII please seek to ensure that all public lights at traffic islands are working? The eastern one on the N22 at Rusheenmore, Glenflesk has been out of order for a long time.

Reply: Kerry County Council has logged the issue as a defect on the TII Map Portal App for their attention. As the light is located within the traffic calming island, it is the responsibility of TII to maintain it.

10. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Roads Section please examine the lay out of the Roundabout at the Park Road / Countess Road / Deerpark Road junction as some drivers on the Park Road seem to believe that they are entitled to drive straight through the Roundabout without having to yield to their right?

Reply: The layout, lining and signage at this roundabout is in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual. The enforcement of any road users not yielding

to their right is a matter for An Garda Síochána and we will raise this issue with them.

11. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to proceed with the raised speed ramps for Ballycasheen and Woodlawn Road adjacent to Killarney Athletic Club.

Reply: A design is currently being prepared for a tabletop ramp at this location. A Section 38 will have to be prepared in due course and submitted to the members for consideration.

12. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council what is the delay with the additional parking spaces in Pinewood.

Reply: Following a Deputation from this Estate, Kerry County Council staff met with members of the Deputation in regards to additional parking. Before any works are undertaken agreement of the Residents' Association is required.

13. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when the houses at Chestnut Drive, Killarney will be completed.

Reply: It is envisaged that these houses will be completed at the end of February 2018.

14. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to investigate why water is flowing up through the new road surface on the Park Hill in Killarney.

Reply: This water is the result of a surface spring which has developed at this location. Kerry County Council will carry out drainage works at this location to rectify the problem.

15. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to proceed without delay to secure funding for the Farranfore to Lissivigeen Bypass to alleviate the large volume of traffic on the N72 daily.

Reply: Following a five year period where this scheme was suspended, the TII have allocated " 25,000 in this year's allocations. This allocation will be used to prepare the current Scheme Appraisal Documents required to comply with DPER's Public Spending Code, the requirements of DTTAS as set out in their Common Appraisal Framework as well as the TII's Project Appraisal Guidelines.

The NRDO will obtain and collate current Traffic Volumes, Delays, Collision History amongst other parameters in the preparation of the above mentioned documents which will be submitted to TII and DTTAS in 2018. Subject to their approval it is hoped that the current allocation and future years allocations will be increased to allow the scheme planning and development to be further advanced.

16. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to prioritise a multi-storey car park for Killarney.

Reply: This will be considered as part of the overall master plan for the Aras Padraig/ Lewis road site.

17. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a speed reader sign at Meentogues National School as passing traffic need to be reminded to reduce speed in the vicinity of a school.

Reply: There is currently no identified funding source for these speed indicators. However, they would be suitable for funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

18. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Can this Council provide a progress report regarding the works on the Knockeendubh Burial Ground and also to ask, when will this Burial Ground be open?

Reply: Clearing works and the removal of topsoil has begun on the Knockeendubh site. It is hoped to have an element of the works completed by mid April to allow for burials.

19. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask this Council, when can work commence on removing the bend at Coolcaslagh? This is being looked at for the past 2 years.

Reply: Kerry County Council have arranged a meeting with the landowner in question with the view of acquiring the necessary land.

20. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: When will works commence on flood prevention, to the property in Castleisland (details with Directorate) as this was previously agreed.

Reply: Further to the land agreement at this location, Kerry County Council agreed to carry out the work per the agreement. However, the landowner in question has requested to have his own contractor to carry out the proposed works. Kerry County Council are currently finalising this arrangement. It is hoped to bring it to a conclusion shortly.

21. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: To ask Kerry County Council has any decision been made regarding pedestrianisation of Plunkett Street, Killarney?

Reply: A proposal in relation pedestrianisation is on the Agenda for today's meeting.

22. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that the road at Barleymount West which access several homes and farms as well as the reservoir be included in the new 2018 roads programme as it has deteriorated and needs a major upgrade.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Office will consider this road (L7039) when drafting the next 3 Year Roads Programme. In the meantime, every effort will be made to maintain this road within the constraints of our Road Maintenance Budget.

23. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that the through road at Ballydunlea, Ballyhar to the N22 be included in the next roads programme.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Office will consider this road (L11020) when drafting the next 3 Year Roads Programme. In the meantime, every effort will be made to maintain this road within the constraints of our Road Maintenance Budget.

24. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that repairs be carried out on the road from Cockhill towards Bawanaglanna.

Reply: The L-7013 road will be considered for inclusion in the next 3-year Roads Programme. In the short term, lags and potholes will be patched as far as funding allows.

25. Cllr. B. Cronin: To request that repairs be carried out to the road leading to Kilcarcon reservoir.

Reply: The L-7014 at Kilsarkan East will be patched in the coming weeks.

26. Cllr. B. Cronin: That the bad section of the Ardagh road westwards from the railway crossing be included in the next roads programme.

Reply: The Killarney Municipal District Office will consider this road (I3004) when drafting the next 3 Year Roads Programme. In the meantime, every effort will be made to maintain this road within the constraints of our Road Maintenance Budget.

27. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to erect a footpath from the caravan park back to the Gap Cross on the right hand side to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists.

Reply: This footpath is located on a National Secondary Route and the construct of this footpath will be subject to TII Funding. Any available funding is currently prioritised to the upgrading of existing footpaths. However, a section of this proposed footpath maybe be funded in the future from specific development levies.

28. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath linking the new development on Madam's Hill to the existing footpath at the bottom of Madam's Hill.

Reply: It is a condition of the planning permission for this development, that a footpath linking the development to the existing public footpath is to be constructed by the developer.

29. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to provide a footpath from Pairc Cumin up to Kilcummin Village for the safety of people and children going to the school, church and the shop in the village.

Reply: In order to install an appropriate footpath from Pairc Cuimin to Kilcummin Village, Kerry County Council need to acquire a section of land. Kerry County Council staff have previous met with the relevant landowners, however attempts to date to acquire the land by agreement has proved unsuccessful. Kerry County Council will again approach the landowners, before the end of Quarter 1 2018, with the view of acquiring the land.

30. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council what is the update regarding my request for a pedestrian crossing in Barraduff Village.

Reply: A Pedestrian Warrant Survey will be carried out at this location, taking into account current and future development at this location. If required, the cost of the provision will be levied on future developments.

31. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council when will works begin in Rathmore in relation to the road and pedestrian crossing?

Reply: Kerry County Council has received funding to the value of " 100,000 via the Town & Village Renewal Scheme from the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. This will contribute to Village Enhancement.

Kerry County Council has received an allocation of " 1,350,000 for the overlay from Forge Cross to Rathmore. It is expected that this work will begin in Q3\Q4 2018.

Kerry County Council are also preparing a feasibility report on the upgrade of Rathmore to DMURS standards. This will incorporate and improve pedestrian facilities such as Footpaths, Public Lighting, On-Street Parking, Pedestrian Crossings and Junction Improvements. The Report will be submitted to the Safety Section of TII, in Q1 2018 for approval for funding to proceed with detailed design and construction.

The funding for these projects are running in parallel and if successful, will merge into one project.

32. Cllr. N. Kelleher: That the sightlines at Beehenagh be improved as discussed with the SEE?

Reply: To improve the sightlines at this location the hedges have been cut. A Feasibility Report is to prepared and it is hoped to submit for consideration to the TII in Q1 2018.

33. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can we get an update on all the broken street lights list given to SEE?

Reply: The Operations Directorate update report contains a list of all lights reported in KMD and the current status of repair.

34. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the position with the Gneeveguilla under grounding project?

Reply: Kerry County Council are in the process of awarding the contract. It is proposed to have a contractor on the ground by the end of February 2018

35. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the existing By-laws with parking with regards to non-electric cars parking in E-Card charge points and can more E-Card chargers be installed in Killarney?

Reply: These are not currently included in our Bye Laws. This will be considered as part of the parking strategy.

36. Cllr. N. Kelleher: What is the position with regards to the ESB pole at Upper Shinnagh, Rathmore, Co. Kerry?

Reply: Kerry County Council have referred the matter to the ESB Networks.

37. Cllr. N. Kelleher: Can the water flowing into (details with Directorate) property in Ballinahulla be prevented from entering his property?

Reply: This issue has been examined and is suitable for funding by means of a County Councillors Allocation at an estimated of " 1,900.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. D. Grady: That the Killarney Urban District Council "Prohibition of Consumption of Intoxicating Substances in Public Places Bye-Laws 2000" be enforced. There is a problem with under-age drinking. The Gardaí are working hard but unfortunately it isn't successful to date as older people are purchasing the alcohol for the under-aged.

Reply: Killarney Municipal District have discussed with An Garda Síochána and enforcement in relation to underage drinking and drunkenness is a matter for the Gardaí.

Cllr. D. Grady stated that he would put down another Notice of Motion on the matter and acknowledged that the Gardaí were doing the best they could. Cllr. Grady noted that a lot of drinking was taking place on the streets and this needs to be stopped.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae Seconded the Motion.

2. Cllr. D. Grady: That we Killarney Municipal District would write to the HSE or relevant authority questioning why the taxpayer rather than developer must pay the costs for remedial works at Deer Lodge Mental Health Unit after it was found to have radon levels greater than recommended amount.

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

Cllr. D. Grady stated that the HSE should pay for the remedial works.

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion and supported by Cllr. J.J. Culloty.

It was agreed by all the Members that a letter issue to the HSE on the matter.

3. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council when the public can expect to access the walkway at Tomies Wood.

Reply: NPWS are near to finalising the purchase of the lands required for the new access road and car park at Tomies Woods. Funding to construct the car park is not currently in place.

Cllr. B. Cronin Seconded the Motion.

On a point of clarity, Cllr. B. Cronin noted that it was the responsibility of the National Parks and Wildlife to provide funding here and not Kerry County Council's responsibility.

4. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to liaise with Inland Fisheries Ireland and request that they consider clearing the unsightly island on the river Deenagh at Kingsbridge, Knockreer.

Reply: This is a matter for consideration by the Members

Cllr. M. Gleeson Seconded the Motion.

5. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: That this Council write to the Manager of Killarney National Park, and also to the OPW, seeking an urgent meeting, to discuss the serious issues regarding the lack of urgency in carrying out a proper cull of both Red and Sika Deer in Killarney National Park.

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

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that a letter issue to the NPWS requesting an immediate meeting with the Members to allow them to express their concerns including safety issues, Lyme Disease, animal welfare and ecological issues.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher Seconded the Motion.

6. Cllr. B. Cronin: To again request that proper parking be provided adjacent to the Cardiac Hill walk at Muckcross. The current situation is extremely dangerous and cannot be allowed to continue. (See attached photo).

Reply: Kerry County Council will arrange to meet with NPWS in relation to this and other parking locations in the area.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that the NPWS have created a highly populated walkway but no provision has been made for safe parking. Cllr. Cronin

stated that there should be warning signs on either side of this area warning motorists that people are crossing the road.

7. Cllr. M. Healy-Rae: To ask Kerry County Council to liaise with Iarnród Éireann/ Bus Éireann to put a bus shelter and bus stop into the yard of the train station in Farranfore. This would improve the safety for all those getting on and off the bus.

Reply: The provision of bus stop in the yard of the bus station in Farranfore is a matter in the first instance for the bus operator, in this case Bus Éireann. Any proposal for same by a bus operator, would require a licence from the National Transport Authority and the road authority must be contacted in advance by the Operator in the case of a new stop being added to a licence.

Where a request for a new bus stop licence is referred to the Council for consideration, it is assessed having regard to the "*Guidance on Bus Stop locations in Rural Areas*" developed by the National Transport Authority.

Whilst there may be some perceived merit in providing connectivity with Rail Services in Farranfore Station, the number of rail passengers at Farranfore Station that would use this facility is likely to be very limited, considering the bus services that operate from Farranfore. The users of the Tralee to Killarney service are unlikely to use the train service as the train and bus terminals are located on the same site in both towns.

Currently Bus Éireann provide the following weekday operations which service Farranfore

- Route No 284 / 40 Tralee to Farranfore to Killarney - 15 services of which 13 are request only stops in Farranfore
- Route No 284 / 40 Killarney to Farranfore to Tralee - 15 services of which 13 are request only stops in Farranfore
- Route No 14 Limerick to Killarney - 5 services which stop in Farranfore and at Kerry Airport
- Route No 14 Killarney to Limerick - 5 services which stop in Farranfore and at Kerry Airport
- Route 271 Tralee to Killarney (College Service during College term only) - 4 services which stop at Kerry Airport and 2 of which stop in Farranfore
- Route 271 Killarney to Tralee (College Service during College term only) - 1 service which stops at Kerry Airport and in Farranfore.

If the bus stop was relocated to the train station, with the exception of the Killarney to Tralee service, the bus operator would be required to cross the national road to gain access to the station, at the intersection of the N23 (Farranfore to Castleisland road) and the N21 (Tralee to Killarney Road). Given the proximity of the rail station entrance to the junction, the traffic volumes on these routes, and the increase in traffic movements by large vehicles, Kerry County Council would have concerns for the safety of road users and accordingly have difficulty in approving such a request on this basis.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated the reason she had suggested this location was from a safety point of view; not connectivity. Cllr. Healy-Rae referred to the reply and asked for clarification in relation to “Kerry County Council would have concerns for the safety of road users and accordingly have difficulty in approving such a request on this basis” and asked if this could be elaborated further.

Cllr. D. Grady Seconded the Motion.

Cllr. B. Cronin opposed the Proposal and stated that anyone exiting the bus at present, exits onto a footpath. There would be too many movements involved if the bus had to pull into the yard of Railway Station. Seeking a bus shelter. Cllr. Cronin stated that this would be a step too far from a road safety point of view.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty Seconded Cllr. Cronin’s Proposal.

Mr. P. Neary stated this was a matter for the bus operators and not an issue for Kerry County Council.

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher asked if the Motion had been moved and should a letter issue to Iarnród Éireann / Bus Éireann.

Cllr. B. Cronin stated that no letter should issue.

Cllr. M. Gleeson asked Mr. Neary if he thought the Proposal was dangerous.

Mr. Neary replied that he was not going to comment on a hypothetical scenario.

Ms. A. McAllen read out the last two lines of the reply.

Cathaoirleach Kelleher stated that the Proposal before the Members was as follows:

“To ask Kerry County Council to liaise with Iarnród Éireann / Bus Éireann to put a bus shelter and bus stop into the yard of the train station in Farranfore.”

A vote was taken which resulted as follows:

For: Cllr. D. Grady, Cllr. M. Healy-Rae (2)

Against: Cllr. B. Cronin, Cllr. J.J. Culloty, Cllr. M. Gleeson, Cllr. B. O’Connell, Cllr. J. Sheahan, Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher (6)

Ms. B Conway declared the proposal defeated.

(b) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Gleeson: Would the Council make contact with Bus Éireann and request them to provide an electronic timetable at Killarney Bus Station? This is of particular importance since the Information Desk/Ticket Office is closed for many months of the year.

Reply: This is a matter for consideration by the Members

2. Cllr. J. Sheahan: To ask Kerry County Council to write to Mr. Denis Naughton, Minister for Communications to prioritise Kerry for additional funding for broadband. The broadband infrastructure is in dire need of investment, especially in East Kerry.

Reply: This is a matter for consideration by the Members

3. Cllr. J.J. Culloty: Can this Council provide an up-to-date report on progress regarding the Sara Lee site?

Reply: A tender for the provision of commercial property management services to conduct a market sounding exercise on the former Pretty Polly site is been drafted. It is envisaged that this tender will be published on the national etenders website (www.etenders.gov.ie) the week beginning the 5th of February.

4. Cllr. N. Kelleher: When will the Expression of the Interest request at the Pretty Polly site be published?

Reply: A tender for the provision of commercial property management services to conduct a market sounding exercise on the former Pretty Polly site is been drafted. It is envisaged that this tender will be published on the national etenders website (www.etenders.gov.ie) the week beginning the 5th of February.

5. Cllr. N. Kelleher: How much rates have been collected by the Killarney Municipal District from 2014 to end of 2017?

Reply: The amount collected for 2015 is " 10,115,356.00 and for 2016 is " 10,770,110.00. The 2017 figures are not yet finalised.

18.02.02.06 (c) To agree date of next meeting:

(a) To agree to hold a Special Meeting of the Municipal District to consider the CSF application on the date agreed by full Council on the 19th February (suggested date 26th February)

Ms. B. Conway advised that the suggested date of 26th February for holding the four Municipal District Meetings to discuss the Community Support Fund would be discussed at the Full Council Meeting on 19th February.

- (b) It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of the Members of Killarney Municipal District would be decided at the Community Support Fund Meeting on 26th February.

18.02.02.06 (d) Any Other Business

Notices of Motion & Questions

Cathaoirleach N. Kelleher stated that it was his belief that the meetings are going on too long and some items are being rushed through in an effort to get through the Agenda. The Cathaoirleach stated that when Members move their Notices of Motion, they are usually given 3 minutes to speak. Cathaoirleach Kelleher asked that consideration be given to reducing this to 2 minutes for the Proposer and 1 minute for the Seconder to speak and that Questions be taken as read.

Cllr. B. O'Connell supported the Cathaoirleach's suggestion.

The Cathaoirleach stated that according to the Standing Orders, there should be no debate on questions as the written reply is provided and an excerpt of Standing Order No. 20 was read out to the Members:

"Written replies to questions will be issued at the meeting. No debate shall take place on the question but only the mover will be permitted to ask a supplementary question on it."

Cllr. D. Grady and Cllr. M. Healy-Rae stated they were not in favour of the suggestion.

Cathaoirleach Kelleher requested that he would give consideration to his suggestion by way of a Motion for the next Municipal District meeting.

High Street Public Convenience

Cllr. B. Cronin asked how long will it take to progress the wheelchair accessible toilet for High Street.

Mr. K. O'Halloran replied that the appointment of a contractor is imminent.

Meetings Administration

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae raised the matter of how the Cathaoirleach dealt with the Order of Business at meetings.

Cathaoirleach Kelleher clarified that he conducted all meetings in line with Standing Orders which state that a Member may only speak with the permission of the Chair.

The Cathaoirleach referred to the submission of Motions on items that are already on the Agenda and stated this matter needed to be resolved.

Cllr. D. Grady disagreed with this statement.

The Cathaoirleach referred to Standing Orders Nos 36 and 40 to the Members:

- “36.** *When two or more members at the same time offer to speak, the member called upon by the Cathaoirleach shall have precedence.”*
- “40.** *The Cathaoirleach is the sole judge of order at meetings of members of the Municipal District of Killarney and has authority to maintain order and enforce prompt obedience to his / her ruling. When during a debate the Cathaoirleach rises, any member then speaking shall give way to the Cathaoirleach.”*

Port Road Overlay

Mr. K. O'Halloran advised that there is a tree at the junction of New Road and Port Road that needs to come down. Members will be updated at next Municipal District Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 1.05pm.

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Meetings Administrator

Cllr. N. Kelleher
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD