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15th Márta 2024

Chuig: Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty
Gach ball de Cheantar Bardasach Neidín

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Tionólfar an cruinniú eile de Cheantar Bardasach Neidín ar an hAoine 22ú Marta 2024, ar Líne agus ar i Tech Amergin, An Sponcán, An Coireán ar 10.30 i.n., chun na míreanna thíos luaite a phlé.

The next meeting of the Members of the Municipal District of Kenmare will be held **Online and, in the Tech Amergin, Spunkane, Waterville** on Friday 22nd March 2024 commencing at **10.30a.m.** to consider the under mentioned items.

For those attending remotely, an MS Teams Link will be issued.

Mise le meas,

Seán Scally

Riarthóir Cruinnithe/ Meetings Administrator

Ceantar Bardasach Neidín/ Municipal District of Kenmare

AGENDA / CLÁR OIBRE

1. (a) Confirmation of the Minutes of the following meeting:

- 1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Kenmare held on 11th January 2024.**
- 2. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Municipal District of Kenmare held on 26th January 2024.**
- 3. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Municipal District of Kenmare held on 2nd February 2024.**

(b) Reception of the following Deputations

- IRD Waterville CLG – Requested by Cathaoirleach. N. Moriarty

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

To consider and adopt the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the Kenmare Municipal District, in accordance with the provisions under Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 and guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014).

2. (a) To note report from Economic & Community Development Directorate

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That Kerry County Council examine all avenues to secure consistent broadband coverage for Beaufort Village.

2. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That an appropriate commemorative plaque be erected in conjunction with the local community and International Dark Sky Reserve committee to recognise the tenth anniversary of the official establishment of the status, and to recognise the efforts of those who made it possible.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can Kerry County Council investigate all sources of funding available to it to progress proposals for a Town Park in Killorglin on the banks of the River Laune, on the lands donated to Kerry County Council?

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can Kerry County Council investigate all sources of funding for a feasibility study on the provision of a Public Swimming Pool, to support the already agreed funding of €6.5m from the Rural Regeneration Scheme for the Public Realm, etc, in the town of Killorglin?

3. Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we support Sneem Community Centre committee with a project and potential funding stream around surfacing the area around the centre to enable safer access.

3.(a) To note update report from Planning, Environment and Emergency Management

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we assist in all ways possible the efforts of the local community involved with Westcove Pier, to ensure that a FLAG application will go ahead this year to secure the public pier there and upgrade the existing facilities. A lease is being progressed between a willing neighbouring landowner and the Council and I would ask that this be prioritised for completion to allow for said funding application.

2. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we ensure that all MAC's and designs etc. be carried out for Reenard Slipway in preparation for a funding stream to open up for the extension works that are necessary there. This is a crucial project both from a Tourism and overall economic development perspective. In preparation for the Greenway and the potential of UNESCO, a second corridor accessing Valentia Island is essential.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council initiate a major Coastal Protection Scheme at Rossbeigh that will include rock armour and marram grass and examine the possibility of utilising used natural Christmas Trees to rebuild the Sand Dunes similar to the successful system used near Blackpool in Lancashire, England. Such a system not only helps rebuild sand dunes, but also makes environmentally friendly second use of unwanted Christmas Trees. Sand dunes are a natural defence against sea storm erosion and support wildlife.

4. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council finalise the acquisition of lands at Churchtown, Beaufort for the purpose of extending the Burial Ground there and bring an end to the fear of the local community.

5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That this MD give an update on the provision of extra land for a burial ground in Beaufort.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we please get an update on the progress being made and timelines involved to ensure additional birthing bays at the Pontoon in Portmagee?

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can Kerry County Council increase the catchment area criteria for Septic Tank grants to those close to our rivers, lakes and streams, which should be considered sensitive areas?

4.(a) To note update report from Housing Directorate

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council give an update and a timeline for the purchase and acquisition of the 10 houses in Sneem and when we can expect these houses to come online.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can Kerry County Council confirm the number of Qualified Housing applicants on the Killorglin and Caherciveen Housing Lists and what plans they have to address the housing crisis in both.

2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: Can Kerry County Council please make provision for special needs accommodation in Kenmare?

5 (a) To note update report from Roads, Transportation, Smart Travel & Public Realm Directorate

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That a case be made to TII for additional funding to resurface and repair a section of the N70 from Tahilla Church to Ankail.

2. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this Council would look at what safety improvement works could be carried out in the Ard Bhearna housing estate in Kenmare with a view to reducing the speed both in and out of the estate.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council surface dress as a matter of priority a very busy populated road in Beaufort from Carnahone to Cappaganeen Upper, which is currently in very poor condition.

4. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That Kerry County Council resurface the road going to the back beach at Rossbeigh as it now at a stage that people are unable to drive it.

5. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council give a full update on the phases, budgets and timeline for the sections of the road between Blackwater Bridge and Sneem that are to be upgraded.

6. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That the Hollybush road in Tullig be taken in charge by this Council.

7. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Please give an update on what has been spent in the last 10 years and what improvements are planned for Casual trading areas.

8. Cllr. D. McCarthy: That this MD outline the position with regard to outdoor dining on the streets of Kenmare this year.

9. Cllr. D. McCarthy: That Kerry County Council apply for funding to upgrade the footpath to Kenmare Pier.

10. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Has Kerry County Council any plans to put in a footpath by Bright Sparks School on the Sneem Road?

11. Cllr. D. McCarthy: That Kerry County Council provide an update on the timeframe for the works from Tallagh to Blackwater.

12. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would give a timeline for the repair works to be carried out at Tullig Bridge, Dromid.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can Kerry County Council provide a detailed update on works done to date at Gleesk Viaduct on the N70 Ring of Kerry Road between Cahersiveen and Glenbeigh, setting out if this job is bigger than originally anticipated (proposed to be done, any revised timelines and costs, for repairs to the collapsed road).

2. Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we please get an update on the timeline for repair of a very serious lag on the Sneem side of Castlecove as you approach the turn down to the strand on the N70?

3. Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can the sea wall along the Shore Road in Valentia be fully assessed and a funding stream for its repair and strengthening be identified as a matter of urgency?

4. Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we install effective traffic calming measures at the approach to Knightstown and more specifically assess the appropriateness of driver feedback signs to achieve this.

5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Can Kerry County Council please outline what active travel plans are in place for Kenmare?

6. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Can Kerry County Council please extend the footpath and lights on the R569 Killowen Road, Kenmare?

7. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: When will the Peninsula lands, Kenmare be developed in a sensitive manner, please outline the plans and the costs involved?

8. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Has Kerry County Council any plans to fix the gullet at Cuhig, Lauragh?

9. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Does Kerry County Council have any update on what has to be done with the Convent, Kenmare?

10. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Has this MD any update in the fixing of the manhole covers on Henry St. Kenmare?

11. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: Can Kerry County Council and the TII repair one of the worst lags on the Ring of Kerry Road near the White Strand.

12. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: Will Kerry County Council approach the owner of the property between the Ardea Road and the Coast Road with a view to removing the trees that are blocking the view both ways coming onto the Tuosist - Castletownbere Road.

13. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: Can Kerry County Council provide a timeline for the overlay of the street and the replacement of the footpaths in Cahersiveen?

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

(a) Notice of Motions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council request the Ministers for Justice and the Minister for Education to formulate and pass legislation requiring social media companies allow only those verified to be over the age of 18 years to participate on their platforms where discussions and publications of an adult nature are being shared.

2. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That Kerry County Council write to Bus Eireann and the Minister of Transport to change the rules that currently prohibit a bus driver from driving after the age of 70, despite being medically certified to do so. We are currently experiencing a shortfall of drivers.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council provides the detailed numerical and financial amounts paid out to claimants in Killorglin, Caherciveen and Kenmare towns in the past 5 years due to injury suffered there through falls on damaged pavements and footpaths and in each of the villages.
I have had reports of numerous incidences that have not been officially reported, which leads me to believe that costs involved in successful claims on Kerry County Council, far outweigh what it would cost to upgrade our footpath network.

4. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That this Council write to Minister Heather Humphries requesting her to consider a grant of €1000 for all applicants of the Local Improvement Scheme to enable them to purchase cold tar so they could temporarily improve the potholes on their roads. Many of these roads won't be resurfaced for many years and this temporary grant would mean a lot in keeping their roads drivable.

5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: That, we, the Members of the Kenmare Municipal District call for and make a submission to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and Marine to ban the destructive practice of Pair Trawling by 15m wide boats within 6 nautical miles of the coast.

6. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That we as a Council would write to the Department of Housing regarding the new rule of having to have 25 houses before you can apply for a group scheme or an extension of a group scheme.

7. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this MD would write to Irish Water regarding an update on the watermain that was on list to be replaced over two years ago at Carnahone, Beaufort, Co.Kerry.

8. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That we as a Municipal District would write to the HSE highlighting our extreme disappointment with the lack of staff in Kenmare hospital because of the HSE embargo. There is currently no physio and anyone that has left and retired with 2 years now, has not been replaced.

(b) Correspondence

1. Response from TII re EV Chargers
2. Response from ESB re KV Line
3. Response from Uisce Éireann re Beaufort Wastewater Scheme

(c) To agree the next date of the next meeting of the Kenmare Municipal District

Kenmare Municipal District Meeting

- May 2024.

(d) To consider the reception of the following Deputations

- Residents of Quay Street, Cahersiveen

Concerns: Flooding issues and potential changes to parking as part of the new road layout.

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

(f) Any Other Business