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**MIONTUAIRISÍ NA CRUINNITHE MHIOSIÚIL DE COMHAIRLE CONTAE
CHIARRAÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMPHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE,
TRÁ LÍ AR AN LUAN, 21 BEALTAINE, 2018**

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN
COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRALEE ON MONDAY, 21 MAY, 2018**

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

T. Barry	R. Beasley	M. Cahill
B. Cronin	J.J. Culloty	P Daly
T. Ferris	J. Finucane	N. Foley
M. Gleeson	D. Grady	J. Healy-Rae
M. Healy-Rae	N. Kelleher	M. Kennelly
S. Locke	J. Lucid	D. McCarthy
P. McCarthy	T. McEllistrim	J. Moloney
N. Moriarty	T. O'Brien	B. O'Connell
M. O'Shea	L. Purtill	D. Quigg
J. Sheahan	G. Spring	A. Thornton

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Ms. M. Murrell, Chief Executive	Mr. J. Breen, Director Water Services
Ms. A. McAllen, Head of Finance	Mr. M. Scannell, Dir. Job Cr/Sust. ED
Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director Housing	Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Operations
Ms. C. O'Connor, Director Corp.Servs.	Mr. L. Quinlan, Meetings Administrator
Ms. D. Griffin, SO Corporate Support	Ms. M. Conway-Sweeney CO Corp. Servs.
Ms. J. O'Sullivan, CO Corp. Servs.	Mr. T. Hayes, Local Enterprise Office
Ms. F. Leahy, Local Ent. Office	Mr. V. Sheahan, Local Ent. Office
Ms. B. Bowler, Local Ent. Office	

The meeting commenced at 10.35 a.m.

Cllr. J. Sheahan took the Chair.

At the outset of the meeting Cllr. M. Gleeson expressed condolences to the family and friends of (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*), RIP. (*Names withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*) was a member of Killarney Urban District Council from 1974 to 1985, serving as chairman on four occasions. He was also a Kerry County Council member from 1979 to 1985. He won various county basketball championships and he starred for the Kerry senior and minor basketball teams that won All-Ireland titles. Cllr. Gleeson suggested that it would be fitting that Kerry County Council and the HSE would make available some land to have a basketball court built in Killarney.

All members supported this vote of sympathy.

Cllr. N. Foley expressed condolences to the (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*) family on the passing of (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*). She was a great mother and grandmother to her family. (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*) contributed to political life and was a longstanding member of Fianna Fáil.

All members supported this vote of sympathy.

The Chief Executive, on behalf of staff and management of Kerry County Council, extended her sympathies to the family of (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*) and the family of (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*).

18.05.21.01 Cathaoirleach's Report on the CPG meeting held on 15th May 2018

The Cathaoirleach read the following report into the record of the meeting:

“At the commencement of the meeting the Chief Executive introduced Christy O'Connor, the recently appointed Director of Services for Corporate Services, to the CPG members.

Agenda for the May Council Meeting

Mr. L. Quinlan briefed the meeting on the Agenda for the April Council Meeting.

Change of membership and Chair of SPC

Mr. L. Quinlan briefed the meeting on:

- (a) change of membership of the Tourism, Culture, Arts & Recreation SPC and Quality of Life SPC.
- (b) change in the Chair of the Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation SPC.

A report will be circulated at the May 2018 meeting.

Update from the Chairs of SPCs

Cllr. M. Kennelly advised that the next meeting of the Operations SPC will be held in June, 2018.

Cllr. J. Finucane advised that the next meeting of the Economic Development & Enterprise SPC will be held in June, 2018. He advised that a paper will be prepared by the SPC on a revised strategy for attracting international companies to Kerry and raised the issue of the need to promote the opportunities in the county and the quality of life with the aim of specifically attracting graduates in different age cohorts to come to work in Kerry.

Proposed Review of Standing Orders

CPG members agreed that a cross-party group working would meet over the 6-9 months to review Standing Orders for Municipal District meetings in the context of the number of Notices of Motions and Questions and other matters and to prepare a working document to be presented to CPG for its consideration.

Request for Civic Receptions/Annual Awards

CPG members agreed that:

- (a) a Civic Reception would be held at Listowel Municipal District in June, 2018, to recognise the contribution which (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of the unedited minutes is available on request*), who has very strong family ties to Listowel, made to Ireland's grand slam victory in this year's Six Nations Competition.
- (b) a Civic Reception would be held at Listowel Municipal District in mid- August, 2018, to mark the 25th Anniversary of the twinning of Listowel and Panissieres in France. The Mayor of Panissieres and a party of 25 people will be visiting Listowel from 8th to 15th August, 2018.

Any other business

Meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Mr. C. O'Sullivan advised that a meeting date of Tuesday, 12th June, 2018, has been arranged with Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

CPG members agreed that the June CPG meeting will be held on Monday, 11th June, 2018, to facilitate the Transport Infrastructure Ireland meeting.

Presidential Election

Mr. L. Quinlan advised that a request had been received from a proposed presidential candidate to meet with the Council. He advised that until such time as an election order is made, the matter cannot be considered further by the Council."

Cllr. T. Ferris PROPOSED that presentations to Council from Presidential candidates be streamlined and that they all address the Council on the same day.

Cllr. D. Grady SECONDED this motion.

The Cathaoirleach said this is a reasonable request and will be further considered by the CPG.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that his name be added to the list of attendees for the Transport Infrastructure Ireland meeting on 12th June, 2018.

With regard to the Review of Standing Orders, he said it is important that elected members are able to raise queries. He suggested that replies to questions at Municipal District meetings be taken as read. While there is a matter regarding members submitting repeat of motions, without progress on these motions these matters will be brought up again and again. He asked that this be considered as a submission on the review of Standing Orders.

The Chief Executive said a broadened group of Councillors, to include CPG members, will undertake a review of Notices of Motions, Questions and the regularity of meetings.

Cllr. M. Kennelly asked if the meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland is for the Killarney elected members only. He asked what progress has been made with the request for a Deputation from Kerry County Council to meet the Minister for Transport to discuss the Dale/Rathscannell Road.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, said a reply has not been received from the Minister for Transport on this request. A further request will issue on this matter.

Cllr. D. Grady said each Municipal District has busy agendas and he suggested that meetings may be held every five weeks.

Cllr. N. Foley said some Municipal Districts run their business very well and very efficiently. This review may penalise those Municipal Districts. Standing Orders are very clear on how to run the meetings. She supported receiving presentations from Presidential Candidates on the same day.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae said with less than 12 months to an election it would be unfair to have a changed set of Standing Orders before the new council takes up office. He said this review should not be done until after the election.

Regarding the meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, he said he would like to attend that meeting or have Poulgorm bridge be listed on the agenda for this meeting.

He supported the presidential election candidates being accommodated to make a presentation to Council.

The Chief Executive said the Municipal Districts are dealing with a large work programme. However, it is good to look back and see if things can be done differently or be streamlined and this is a good time to do it. The experience of this Council and what we might do differently can be brought to the table for the new council. This review will be an inclusive process.

The meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland is a Killarney Municipal District deputation primarily to discuss the Lewis Road issue. She said she would like to keep the agenda as focused as possible. There is a request with the Minister for Transport for a meeting with Listowel Municipal District. This request will be followed up.

Cllr. T. Ferris asked that the CPG look past the possibility of looking at a D'Hondt method for filling positions of Chair, Mayor, etc., in accordance with the number of votes received on election.

18.05.21.02 Confirmation of Minutes

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. M. Gleeson, SECONDED by Cllr. S. Locke it was resolved that the minutes of the April Ordinary Meeting held on the 16th April, 2018, be confirmed.

18.05.21.03 Chief Executive's Report to Council

The Chief Executive read the following report into the record of the meeting:

"Finance Directorate

As agreed with the Members, a Financial Report for Members will be provided on a quarterly basis in line with the Quarterly Reporting Process for Income and Expenditure already in place to the Department of Housing, Planning & Local Government. The Qtr 1 Financial report will be set out in the Chief Executive's Report presented at the June Council Meeting.

Infrastructure, Operations, Health & Safety Directorate

Local Improvement Scheme:

Over 640 applications were received following the re-opening of the scheme. This is in addition to the 140 applications currently on hand, which had been received after the closing date for the old scheme in 2006. A team is being established to assess all of these applications and to prepare a new priority list, which is hoped to be completed by early 2019. The current scheme will need to be completed in advance of any works commencing on the new scheme. The completion of the 2007 scheme is estimated to cost an additional €420,000.

Investment in Flood Relief Measures: The OPW published the Flood Risk Management Plans for the country on the 3rd May. In total there are 118 schemes nationally, with 9 schemes identified in Kerry (Tralee, Kenmare, Abbeydorney, Banna, Ballylongford, Castleisland & Tullig, Dingle, Killarney and Listowel). 4 of these schemes have been prioritised to advance to detailed design and planning - Tralee, with an estimated cost of €31m; Kenmare, with an estimated cost of €5.4m; Abbeydorney, with an estimated cost of €280,000 and Banna with an estimated cost of €140,000. Schemes costing in excess of €1 million will be developed by the OPW and it is proposed that the smaller schemes will be developed by the Council in conjunction with the OPW. All of the projects are fully funded by the OPW. Glenflesk has been identified for further review under the CFRAMS programme. A copy of the Plan. Further details will be presented to Council when available from the OPW.

Recoupment of Exceptional Costs associated with the Response to and Clean-up following Severe Cold Weather and Snow:

The Council has made a claim to the Department of Housing Planning and Local Government, in the sum of €217,372, for the exceptional costs associated with the recent response and clean up following the severe snow event in early March.

Greenways: A request was submitted to An Bord Pleanála, on the 19th April 2018 for a pre-planning application meeting on the South Kerry Greenway. The purpose of this meeting is to brief the Board on the scheme, outline the documentation to be submitted as part of the CPO and Environmental Impact Assessment Report, and ascertain if any further information may be required to assist the Board in considering the application. Meetings are ongoing with affected landowners on the North Kerry Greenway and the Tralee - Fenit Greenway. It is proposed to hold public briefing sessions on these schemes in Listowel and Tralee on the 23rd and 24th May 2018.

The Public Consultation days are scheduled as follow:

Greenway	Venue	Date	Time
Fenit to Tralee	Fenit Parish Centre	Wednesday 23 rd May 2018	11am - 8pm
Listowel to Sluicequarter	Listowel Arms Hotel (Greenville Room)	Thursday 24 th May 2018	11am – 8pm

Economic & Community Development Directorate

Kerry Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

There was good success in the National Enterprise Awards with the Presentation College, Castleisland winning the national Junior Category with their project “Complete Caman” in Croke Park.

A GDPR seminar was delivered in Tralee with over 170 in attendance reflecting the business concerns in the subject. The office delivered a Trading Online seminar in Castleisland with a number of follow on applications. The office is working with both the Castleisland and Listowel Chamber in the delivery of a number of information events.

The Food Academy Programme commenced with 9 food producers drawn from around the county. Products include ice creams, charcuterie and quiches. The office has commenced recruitment for the “Lean for Micro” programme with seven higher calibre companies indicating interest. General queries remain strong. The office has commenced a marketing campaign targeting its client portfolio and business service companies.

Economic Development Unit (EDU)

Business Leaders Conference

A Business Leaders Conference was held in Ballyseede hotel on Monday on 23rd April. Representatives from all the major companies in the County attended. Items considered included the National Planning Framework, Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies, Skills development in the county, Kerry Scitech and the marketing of Kerry, Regional Airport Strategy, Connectivity into the County, Business, Tourism and Chamber clusters to highlight the needs of individual sectors in the County. The conference was considered worthwhile and it was agreed to structure meetings into the future to be chaired by Kerry County Council.

Regional Enterprise Development Fund

Minister Heather Humphreys TD, launched The Enterprise Ireland Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) 2nd call on Monday 16th April 2018. This competitive funding has been provided by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, through Enterprise Ireland and is a key action to support the Regional Action Plan for Jobs and the Action Plan for Rural Development.

Community Department

2018 Town and Village Renewal Scheme

The Town and Village Renewal Scheme is an initiative under the Government’s Action Plan for Rural Development, Realising our Rural Potential, and is part of national and local support measures to rejuvenate rural towns and villages throughout Ireland.

Kerry County Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from towns and villages with populations of less than 10,000, who may have a suitable project for consideration under this Scheme. The 2018 scheme is targeted at two categories of towns/villages as follows:

Category 1: Towns and villages with a population of 5,000 people or less.

Category 2: Towns with a population of 5,001 to 10,000 people.

All interested groups must complete an Expression of Interest Form and return to the Community Department, Kerry County Council, Rathass, Tralee or email to community@kerrycoco.ie no later than Friday the 25th of May at 5pm.

2018 CLÁR Scheme

As per the scheme guidelines, fifteen priority project applications from Kerry County Council were submitted to the Department of Rural and Community development on the 30th April 2018. The final decisions in relation to these projects is with the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Tourism Department

Visitor Experience Development Plan – Dingle Peninsula

Fáilte Ireland, in co-operation with Kerry County Council are currently developing a Visitor Experience Development Plan for the Dingle Peninsula. W2 Consulting have been appointed to examine a model for sustainable Destination development in the area.

Planning & Sustainable Development Department

Conservation & Heritage

A total of €50,000 has been awarded under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018 for works to twelve protected structures in the County. The owners of these properties must provide match funding of at least 50% of the total project cost.

A total of €42,000 has also been awarded under the Structures at Risk Fund 2018 for urgent works to three protected structures one of which is an historic house. The owners of these structures must provide match funding of at least 20% of the total project cost.

Planning Policy

The DRAFT Killarney Municipal District Plan and Variation to Killarney Town Development Plan is, at present, on public display. Submission / observations on the DRAFT plan and variation can be made up to the 15th of June. The DRAFT plans are available for viewing on Kerry County Council website.

Water, Environment, Fire & Library Services Directorate

River Basin Management Plan

The River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) for Ireland 2018-2021 was launched on 17th April last. A detailed presentation on the plan, its contents, its implications and the focus for the water bodies listed above will be brought to the Council in September.

Anti-litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme

Kerry County Council has received an allocation of €26,000 under the Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti Awareness Grant Scheme for 2018.

This allocation is in line with our 2017 allocation and will fund eligible projects up to a maximum of 70% with the balance being met by way of local contribution.

Projects eligible for inclusion include:

- Adopt a road, adopt a bring bank and community clean ups.
- Projects highlighting awareness of issues regarding responsible dog ownership with respect to dog fouling clean up, and dangers of not cleaning up can pose to the public, including young children and wheelchair users.
- Anti-Litter and Anti-Graffiti awareness competitions.
- Providing anti-litter materials
- Local advertising

Housing Directorate

Full detailed updates on our Housing Programme have been provided to Members over recent months.

Since our last Meeting the correspondence has been received from the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Mr Eoghan Murphy, TD, which was circulated to elected members.

On the 10th May last I along with the senior staff in the Housing Area met with Department officials to work through the current Kerry County Council programme having regard to the new and revised targets allocated by the Minister. A number of areas still require further analysis and a further meeting is planned for early June.

At this point however I can confirm that the Capital Programme pipeline for 2018 previously advised to Members is on target. In addition, I am happy to report the completion of the 20 Unit project at the Park Killarney. The final handover, allocation and tenancing process is currently being finalised and I expect a formal opening to be arranged for the coming weeks.

A further detailed update will be provided in June on progress.”

Cllr. M. Gleeson said it was around 1985 that he proposed the development of the railway line on the Iveragh peninsula. 240,000 people are using the Waterford Greenway which highlights the potential for the South Kerry Greenway. He hoped for a positive outcome and progression of the Greenway would be the outcome of the meeting with An Bord Pleanála. He expressed concern regarding proposals in the River Basin Management Plan to work on rivers in a piecemeal fashion and said having discussed it with CFRAMS, this requires an overall review rather than piecemeal works.

Cllr. J. Finucane welcomed the focus on the Flood Relief Schemes as extreme weather conditions are now part of a yearly cycle which has an impact on roads and infrastructure. Given the amount of maintenance required at this time of year there is no substitution for people on the ground and he asked for a statement from the Chief Executive regarding staffing and recruitment timeframes to ensure the delivery of projects.

Cllr. M. Kennelly welcomed the focus on the development of the Greenways in the county. He referred to a matter he had raised at the CPG meeting regarding sub-contractors affected by a principal contractor who went into liquidation. He asked the Chief Executive if there is anything Kerry County Council can do to protect sub-contractors.

Cllr. J. Moloney welcomed the public information days for the greenway. He asked if there is a timeline for the LIS and when applicants will be notified regarding inspections and how the process will work. He welcomed any support that Kerry County Council could give to Tidy Towns groups.

Cllr. P. Daly welcomed the work being done with landowners regarding the Tralee-Fenit Greenway and hoped for further progress. He asked if Kerry County Council will be submitting an application under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme on behalf of Fenit.

He referred to a Notice of Motion he had at the March, 2018, meeting regarding section 6 of the Housing ‘Anti-Social’ Behaviour Policy and asked if any progress had been made on that.

With regard to maintaining grass on the bypass or in the Town Park, etc., there is no substitute for staff doing this work. Outsourcing this work can be a problem and

local groups are not always the answer. As many temporary staff as possible must be employed during summer months for maintenance work.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed funding for flood relief works. The Cashen is a small community, with 5-6 elderly residents, which remains at risk of flooding. He asked that this area be re-examined and that the River Cashen be dredged. He asked for an update regarding the employment of outdoor staff.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the update on the Greenways. In relation to the LIS applications, she asked if a priority list will be drawn up for the county or if there will be a list for each Municipal District. She asked for a timeline on the LIS works. She asked if Town and Village Renewal Scheme projects can be submitted for funding.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae asked what the actual monies are per scheme for flood relief works, when they will go to tender and if they are on a 5/10 year plan. He asked if the LIS applications will be assessed and how they will be prioritised. He said sub-contractors are not protected in this country and this leads to the loss of jobs in the county.

Cllr. D. Grady said dog fouling is still an issue that has to be addressed in Killarney. Overgrowth needs to be cut back on the banks of the river on the Glenflesk road. He welcomed the completion of 20 houses The Park, Killarney and the imminent commencement of a further 60-80 houses in Killarney. He said there is land in the Dark Woods area with full planning permission and asked if Kerry county council would approach this landowner with a view to purchasing this site.

Cllr. B. O'Connell said there is mis-information amongst the public that political intervention is required for a road to be improved under the LIS.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty asked that his name be added to the list of attendees for the Transport Infrastructure Ireland meeting on 12th June, 2018. He expressed concern regarding the proposal within the River Basin Management Plan to work only on sections of rivers. The length of rivers in County Kerry is not excessive and they could be worked on as a whole. He called for the recruitment of temporary and permanent staff as there is a lack of maintenance of grass areas, hedging, etc. He supported the call to put protections in place for sub-contractors.

Cllr. P. McCarthy referred to the engagement with MEPs and Key Officials in the European Union in Brussels and thanked Mr. Ronan Gingles, EU Affairs & Policy Advisor at the Irish Regions Brussels Office for his assistance. Mr. Gingles is returning to Ireland and is available to assist Local Authorities in the South West region with the preparation of funding proposals.

Cllr. A. Thornton asked that the elected members be provided with training on GDPR which comes into effect from 25th May, 2018. She welcomed the opening of the Regional Enterprise Development Fund.

Cllr. N. Foley welcomed progress regarding the Local Improvement Scheme and asked how the priority list will be determined. She asked for a timeframe on implementing the Tralee Flood Relief Scheme. She expressed concern that the funding provided under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme and the Anti-Graffiti

Awareness Grand Scheme is not sufficient. She supported the call for the recruitment of additional outdoor staff to progress the Municipal District Works Programme.

Cllr. B. Cronin said it is critical that the workforce be increased to get through the volume of the Municipal District Works Programme. He agreed that there is mis-information amongst the public that political intervention is required for a road to be improved under the LIS. He asked why the tendering process for machinery has been changed from being Municipal District oriented to being County oriented.

Cllr. M. Cahill sought clarification on what type of projects qualify for the Town and Renewal Scheme, e.g. are public lighting and footpath projects eligible? In relation to the housing crisis he asked how single rural dwellings that have been vacant for years are being dealt with and asked that they be repaired or sold. He welcomed progress on the South Kerry Greenway. He asked for a timeframe on the delivery of works under the LIS given the number of applications and amount of funding available.

Cllr. S. Locke said volunteers across the county need insurance protection for the work they do on tidy town clean ups, etc. Volunteers must be part of a group to be covered by insurance. He welcomed progress on the Tralee-Fenit Greenway.

Cathaoirleach J. Sheahan welcomed the review to be undertaken at Glenflesk under the CFRAMS programme. He welcomed progress on the Greenways as they have huge potential within the county.

The Chief Executive said that as grants have increased we have been in a position to increase staffing in Operations across the Local Authority, both technical support and outdoor staff.

With regard to procurement, Kerry County Council must comply with procurement law.

To assess the volume of LIS applications, an inspection team has been established. There is a deadline of the start of 2019 for the compilation of a priority list for the LIS. It is a matter for the executive, not the elected members, to determine which schemes that will be done in accordance with guidance that has been received from the Department.

Kerry County Council is fully committed to advancing all Greenways within the county, there is no priority list on the Greenways.

Projects under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme must contribute to the economic value of the county. All criteria are set out in the application forms and the closing date for applications is Friday, 25th May, 2018. The Town & Village Renewal Scheme is linked to Kerry County Council's Tourism Strategy and LECP.

A report on the engagement with MEPs and Key Officials in the European Union regarding opportunities for funding, networking, collaboration and policy development is included with correspondence circulated for the May meeting. The real work begins now in determining how we can engage in a stronger way with the EU. There will be an ongoing update to elected members on the benefits and outputs from that engagement.

GDPR Training will be held for elected members.

The South Kerry Greenway is taking time, but it will be important that this time was taken when the project moves to the planning stage.

There is an insurance scheme operated by the PPN. Volunteers must be part of a group registered with the PPN to be covered by insurance.

With regard to the Cashen, the OPW has given a commitment to review it and the dredging of it. We will ask them for an update on that.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, Flood Risk Management Plans have been finalised and a copy of the plans will be sent to Local Authorities for consideration by the elected members. There will be a period of three months for Council to consider the plans and make a decision as to whether or not to adopt the plans. In relation to specific Flood Risk Management Plans, the OPW will be engaging consultants to draft these plans, there will then be a consultation period followed by the procurement of contractors. Council will be kept apprised with progress on the plans as it is received from the OPW.

With regard to staffing, a recruitment campaign has been undertaken and staff are commencing employment. 22 no. permanent vacancies have been filled at Foreman and General Operative grades. 37 no. temporary staff have been employed along with 9 drivers. This has resulted in an increase of 23% in the workforce to deliver the roads programme. Added to that 2 no. Assistant Engineer, 1 no. Graduate Engineer and 3 no. Technicians are to be recruited to the Municipal District areas.

Cllr. J. Finucane welcomed the significant number of appointments of staff. He asked that apprentices would be recruited in the housing maintenance area which would further enhance Kerry County Council's capacity to do maintenance work.

18.05.21.04 Membership and Chair of SPC

Mr. L. Quinlan, Meetings Administrator, referred elected members to report which had been circulated. He outlined that following the Local Elections in 2014 it was agreed that Cllr. R. Beasley, Cllr. S. Locke and Cllr. M. Cahill would share the Chair of the Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation SPC.

It was noted that to give effect to the above, from 1st July, 2018, Cllr. S. Locke will move from the Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation SPC to the Quality of Life SPC. Cllr. M. Cahill will move from the Quality of Life SPC to the Tourism, Culture, Arts and Recreation SPC and will take over as Chair from Cllr. S. Locke.

18.05.21.05 Management and Appraisal of Regional and Local Road Strategic and Specific Road Improvement Programmes

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, referred elected members to his report which had been circulated. He highlighted that this set of appraisal guidelines apply to Regional and Local road capital projects where the cost of the works will exceed €0.5m inclusive of VAT (Circular RW 06/2018). These guidelines provide a fundamental change in the way projects to be funded under the Specific Improvement Grand Scheme and the Strategic Regional and Local Road Scheme will be prioritised for funding by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The assessment of projects by the Department will be based upon the economic and social impact of the project. The guidelines also afford the Local Authority to consider other impacts of a project, which did not inform previous applications under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme, such as: Economy, Safety, Environment, Accessibility and Social Inclusion, Integration with other government policy and

physical activity. Local Authorities are expected to support the costs of capital projects through own resource funding. It is now proposed to review all schemes suitable for funding under a Specific Improvement Grant Scheme or a Specific Regional and Local Road Scheme, particularly having regard to projects raised by the members since the scheme was suspended in 2010. Whilst the Department has made it clear that it is not inviting applications for Specific Projects or Strategic Projects at this time, should a local authority wish to seek funding for a project in either of these categories, it must follow the procedures set out in the circular. A detailed list of projects will be developed for consideration by the members which can then be progressed through the appraisal process and submitted to the Department.

Cllr. B. Cronin asked that replacing Listry Bridge with a two-lane bridge be submitted as a project under this programme. He said this bridge is of economic importance to the county as it is the access route to the Dingle peninsula. He asked that Kerry County Council would support a deputation to the Department regarding Listry Bridge.

Cllr. J.J. Culloty **SECONDED** this motion.

Cllr. M. O'Shea supported the request to submit Listry Bridge as a project under this programme as it is on a very important route for the county. With regard to the water mains replacement works on the N70 road into Killorglin he asked that the start time for these works be deferred to 9.30 a.m. each morning to allow traffic flow easily.

Cllr. M. Gleeson moved Notice of Motion No. 20.

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. M. Gleeson PROPOSED:

That the Council would ask the TII to clarify its intention regarding the possible development of an outer relief road from Clash/Lissivigeen [N22/N72] to the N22 Killarney/Tralee Road. This road was originally scheduled for completion in 2009. Land owners along its possible route are requesting and are entitled to clarification.

The following reply issued:

This is a major national road scheme, which had been suspended in 2011. The Council received an allocation of €25k, from Transport Infrastructure Ireland, this year, for the purpose of undertaking an appraisal of the scheme, in accordance with T.I.I. and Department of Finance guidelines. These requirements have been put in place for major Capital projects, since the scheme was suspended. There is a significant body of work in undertaking this appraisal, which when complete will be submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for approval on funding to allow it to progress to detailed design and other statutory consents, at which point there will be extensive consultation, including with affected landowners.

Cllr. Gleeson said this matter was raised at a recent Municipal District meeting. Every effort must be made to alleviate questions and queries landowners have regarding the possible route. He asked that landowners be kept informed of developments.

Cllr. A. Thornton moved **Notice of Motion No. 4.**

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. A. Thornton PROPOSED:

What is the update regarding the R556 Dale Rathscannell Road?

The following reply issued:

The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport have issued guidelines for the Appraisal of projects to be funded under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme. Details of the Appraisal process were outlined to the members this morning. As previously agreed with the members, the scheme will now be appraised under these guidelines and the scheme will then be submitted to the Department for approval.

Cllr. Thornton said the Dale Road can be submitted as a project under this programme. There is an economic benefit to this road as it serves many businesses in the area, as well as being used by many commuters to Tralee for work and education. This submission should relate to the completion of a project rather than it being a new project. The R551 Ardfert-Ballyheigue road could also be submitted as a project under this programme. She asked if there is a timeframe for submission of projects.

Cllr. J. Moloney supported Cllr. Thornton's proposal on submissions under the programme. He expressed concern that North Kerry, without tourism numbers as high as South Kerry, may be at a loss to receive funding.

Cllr. P. McCarthy welcomed the report which will be of assistance to the county's roads programme. It is shocking, however, that the N23 road from Castleisland to Kerry Airport has been closed to facilitate work on Dysert Bridge. He asked why a temporary bridge could not be put in place to facilitate road users.

The Chief Executive said the appraisal guidelines are very welcome. The funding of projects will be a matter for the Department. An assessment of all suitable projects in the county will be undertaken to determine which are of cost benefit and can attract funding. While the Department has made it clear that they are not inviting applications, should a local authority submit an application it will be considered. Kerry County Council will make a number of applications as soon as possible, one of which will be for the Dale Road. A priority list will be brought to the elected members to be agreed with the aim of having a number of applications with the Department by mid-July.

Cllr. B. O'Connell moved **Notice of Motion No. 28.**

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. B. O'Connell PROPOSED:

That Kerry County council liaise with TII and ensure that access to Castleisland town through the N23 is accommodated while the new bridge is being installed.

The following reply issued:

These works are being managed by Kerry County Council. Whilst every effort is being made to ensure that the works will be completed within the shortest timeframe, unfortunately given that the existing bridge, which is in poor condition, has to be demolished and replaced, a traffic diversion is necessary.

The use of the local road network as a diversion for national route traffic was assessed and in consultation with An Garda Síochána, these roads are not

considered suitable, particularly for the significant volume of heavy goods vehicles currently using the N23. Accordingly, for safety and capacity reasons, the recommended alternative route is to divert the national road traffic from Limerick to Killarney via Ballycarthy.

It is anticipated that the local community and regular commuters may use the local road network, but for safety reasons and for local residents, these routes are not being identified as the recommended diversion.

Castleisland and Kerry Airport will be identified on all signage along the proposed diversion.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, said a project appraisal was done on the Dysart Bridge and it was assessed in consultation with An Garda Síochána. Every effort will be made to keep the timeframe for the works as short as possible. A publicity campaign is being undertaken to advise road users of the road closure. All diversions have been assessed and it is for safety reasons this road is being closed.

Cllr. B. O'Connell said locals have reluctantly accepted that the road closure must take place. He asked that the works be expedited as much as possible.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae moved **Notice of Motion No. 34.**

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

That Kerry County Council would ask the TII to review the way they close roads and carry out works in the County.

The following reply issued:

The decision to close a road for the purposes of carrying out roadworks is a matter for Kerry County Council. This decision is only made following an assessment of the site, traffic volumes, potential alternative routes, and having regard to the safety of road users and road construction staff as well as any other local circumstances. The closing of any road involves a statutory consultation process, including consultation with An Garda Síochána and other emergency service providers. Where possible the Council also consults with affected landowners and businesses in close proximity to the works. Every reasonable effort is made to carry out works having regard to local circumstances, such as avoiding tourist routes during the peak tourism season or where it may have a significant impact on school traffic or particular businesses. Unfortunately, this is not always possible, particularly where works are weather/river level dependant or where it has to be scheduled with specialist contractors. The elected members in the Municipal District are notified when the closure is being advertised in the local press and also when a decision is made to close a road, having regard to any submissions received.

In 2017, the Council approved 49 road closures, the majority for the holding of community / sporting events on the public road network. The Council is currently reviewing our procedures for engaging with businesses, communities, other transport operators etc. on major roadwork schemes, to ensure more effective communication and allow for earlier notification and awareness of the implications

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae said Kerry County Council takes into account the businesses and landowners that will be affected by a road closure. The Transport Infrastructure Ireland takes a very different approach to road closures.

18.05.21.06 Presentation from Kerry Local Enterprise Office

Mr. M. Scannell, Director of Service, said this presentation is an opportunity to outline the relationship between the Kerry Local Enterprise Office (LEO), Enterprise Ireland, the Economic Development Unit and the wider county. LEO is the first point of contact for businesses in Kerry. LEO helps create employment and sustain employment within existing businesses.

Mr. T. Hayes, Kerry Local Enterprise Officer, made a presentation to the elected members on the Kerry Local Enterprise Office. The LEO is embedded within the Local Authority structure for four years and this has reinforced the concept of a One Stop Shop for business. His presentation outlined:

- Sources of funding
- Service Level Agreement in 4 Key areas of:
 - i. Business Information and Advisory services
 - ii. Enterprise Support Services
 - iii. Entrepreneurship Support Services
 - iv. Local Economic Development Services
- The LEO is a One Stop Shop for:
 - i. Information and guidance is key
 - ii. Small business owner limitations
 - iii. Local Enterprise Office point of first contact
- Enterprise Support Services
 - i. Feasibility Study Grants
 - ii. Business Priming Grants
 - iii. Business Expansion Grants
 - iv. Technical Assistance for Micro Exporter Grants
- Access to Microfinance Loan Support
- External Funding Supports
- Entrepreneurial Support Services
- Student Enterprise Programme
- Food Academy Programme
- Mentor Clinics for Creative and Visual Arts Sector
- Local Economic Development Services
 - i. Economic Development Unit
 - ii. LCDC/LAG
 - iii. Business Networks
 - iv. Local Development Companies & Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG)
 - v. Enterprise Centres
 - vi. Other representations as required

All elected members thanked Mr. Hayes for his presentation on LEO.

Cllr. D. Quigg asked if Kerry is tapping into funding available via FLAG and if there is a connection between LEO and the Education and Training Boards.

Mr. Hayes said there is a specific FLAG for Kerry and he sits on the Examination Committee. The Kerry FLAG funding is fully committed for 2018. The FLAG region runs along the coast and 10 km inland. It is overseen by BIM. Enquiries can be made to the LEO on FLAG.

He added that in relation to the Student Enterprise Awards, there are very strong linkages across the county, and this year mentors were assigned to the

schools. The business teachers in schools were invited to attend a one day programme with LEO.

Cllr. N. Foley acknowledged the engagement in the Student Enterprise Awards and asked if there is a mechanism in place to follow up with students when they have left school to encourage their sense of entrepreneurship.

Mr. Hayes said the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Programme is available for the 18-35 year age category which tracks the students through to the national awards. He supported the suggestion to follow up with students in relation to entrepreneurship when they have left school.

Cllr. D. McCarthy asked if the LEO would consider doing workshops in smaller towns and villages for start-up businesses.

Cathaoirleach J. Sheahan thanked Mr. Hayes for his presentation to Council and complimented the work of the LEO. He said he has met, at presentations and awards, people that have benefitted from the work of the LEO and they have gained confidence and experience to progress their businesses.

18.05.21.07 Summary of proceedings at events

It was agreed to note the following reports on proceedings at the following events on behalf of the Kerry County Council delegates that attended, in accordance with Section 142(5)(f) of the Local Government Act 2001.

- a) Conference on the theme "LGAS An Overview of the work of Local Government Auditors" held in Clonakilty, Co. Cork, from 21-23 April, 2017 by Cllr. B. O'Connell.
- b) Southern Regional Audit Committee Forum held in Killarney on 5th May, 2017 by Cllr. B. O'Connell.
- c) Douglas Hyde Conference on the theme "What Price Culture? Its community, economic and social values" held in Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon, from 13-15 July, 2017 by Cllr. N. Kelleher.
- d) Engagement with MEPs and Key Officials in the European Union - Opportunities for Funding, Networking, Collaboration and Policy Development - 25th-26th April 2018 - Brussels by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen.

18.05.21.08 Approval for the opening of tenders

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Quigg, SECONDED by Cllr. J. Lucid, it was agreed to approve the opening of tenders for 2 No. 26 tonne self-propelled Velocity Road Vehicles - Closing date: Friday, 11th May, 2018 at 3.00 p.m.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Quigg, SECONDED by Cllr. J. Lucid, it was agreed to approve the opening of tenders for the Construction of a Single Rural Dwelling at Meanus, Killorglin – Closing Date: Friday, 11th May 2018 at 3.00 p.m.
- (c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Quigg, SECONDED by Cllr. J. Lucid, it was agreed to approve the opening of tenders for a Parking Fines Management System - Closing date: Friday, 18th May, 2018 at 3.00 p.m.

- (d) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Quigg, SECONDED by Cllr. J. Lucid, it was agreed to approve the opening of tenders for Environmental Consultancy Services on N69 Listowel Bypass - Closing date: Thursday, 31st May, 2018 at 4.00 p.m.
- (e) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Quigg, SECONDED by Cllr. J. Lucid, it was agreed to approve the opening of tenders for the appointment of a works Contractor and PSCS to carry out the Main Works Contract for the construction of 7 Houses at Courthouse Lawn, Listowel - Closing date: Friday, 8th June, 2018 at 3.00 p.m.

18.05.21.09 Notices of Motion

1. Disability Parking Bays at Kerry University Hospital

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. M. Gleeson PROPOSED:

That this Council calls on the H.S.E to provide additional Wheelchair/Disability parking bays adjacent to the main entrance to Kerry University Hospital as the present situation is causing hardship and inconvenience to people.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. Gleeson said there is a genuine need for additional car parking spaces at the entrance to Kerry University Hospital for people with mobility difficulties.

Cllr. D. Grady SECONDED this motion.

2. Promenade at Inch Strand

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. M. Cahill PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council give consideration to developing a Promenade at Inch Strand that will include the provision of a Carpark, Playground, Public Toilets and showering facilities. This development should also include a proposal to improve the very busy main road between the entrance to the beach and the bad turn at "Gleann Dearig" beyond the Strand Hotel which is a danger to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists if action is not taken as a matter of priority.

The following reply issued:

Substantial improvement works were carried out in 2017 to enhance the access to the beach and the on beach management. A new walkway has been provided at the beach and during 2017 two beach wardens were deployed daily to manage the vehicle movements and parking on the beach. This will continue during the coming summer season. Kerry County Council is working actively with An Taisce and the international Blue Flag jury to ensure that the continued access to and use of the beach by vehicles does not impact on the retention of our Blue Flag at this beach. The development of an extended car park to service Inch beach is being actively pursued, however, available locations are compromised by the protection designations in close proximity to the beach.

The need for improvements to the regional road at this location has not been identified in the current roads programme adopted by Council. A 60 k.p.h. speed limit applies on the section of road between the Hotel and the entrance to the beach. The need for any further works to the road or the need for any safety measures can be

assessed, prioritized and considered, in consultation with the members, as part of a future application under the relevant road grant programmes

Cllr. M. Cahill said while understanding there are restrictions on the area, Inch as a Blue Flag Beach requires these facilities for the benefit of locals and visitors.

Cllr. M. O'Shea SECONDED this motion.

3. Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. J. Moloney PROPOSED:

That a detailed report be furnished to all elected members outlining the process on how all matters relating to the TII are dealt with. How are members requests relayed to the TII? How is it decided what roads qualify for funding? Are minutes of all meetings with TII taken?

The following reply issued:

Motions moved by members at Council meetings, are referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (T.I.I.), and responses received are included in future Council agenda.

As given in reply to a motion at the January 2018 Council meeting, members were informed that the prioritisation of national roads for improvement or pavement overlay is determined independently by the T.I.I. based on an engineering assessment of the condition of the road, safety records and having regard to the volumes of traffic using the route. When this assessment is complete, Kerry County Council is consulted and requested to prepare a Pavement Assessment and Repair Report (PARR), which details the extent of the works required and the cost estimate for the scheme. Subject to approval of this report and available funding, Kerry County Council can be instructed to complete a detailed design and to prepare tender documentation. The TII issue the grant allocations at the start of the year and these are included in Schedule of Municipal District Work Plans and Service Delivery Plan adopted by Council. Where additional schemes are approved for inclusion in various design or work programmes, in meetings with the TII, these are confirmed in writing.

Cllr. J. Moloney said he has contacted the TII directly and they have said that pavement overlay is the responsibility of Kerry County Council. There are no replies forthcoming regarding matters referred to the TII. Elected members do not have sight of submissions and have not got responses on submissions. He proposed that Kerry County Council contact the TII to get clarification regarding prioritised national, primary and secondary routes.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, said any notice of motions raised at Council and requests made are sent to the TII. Any correspondence received is circulated under the General Correspondence item on the agenda. In relation to the issue regarding prioritising of roads schemes, the roads and allocations for schemes have been prioritised by the TII.

The Chief Executive said the reply provided sets out the process for matters involving the TII. Any notice of motion asked to be referred to the TII is submitted to the TII. Any issues raised by Council on national roads form part of submissions to the TII.

The main thing for Kerry County Council is that there may be additional funding available nationally. It is hugely important approval is received for the Local Authority to prepare designs for further investment into the county. There are roads across the county where a further case will be made to the TII for funding.

5. Respite Care Facility in Caherciveen

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. N. Moriarty PROPOSED:

That in light of the chronic shortage of respite care for families all over County Kerry that we ask the HSE to look favourably and proactively at a house that can be made available for same in Caherciveen. This is an area that has hundreds of families near exhaustion and at their wits end and we have a fine facility that needs to be staffed to allow for the provision of much needed respite.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. N. Moriarty said there is a building in Caherciveen which could be used by the HSE to provide a facility for respite care for families in the South Kerry area.

Cllr. M. Cahill SECONDED this motion.

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach indicated that it was 1.30 p.m. and it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. Ferris, SECONDED by Cllr. N. Kelleher it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue until 2.00 p.m.

6. Litter Picking on Castleisland Bypass

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. B. O'Connell PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council and TII ensure that the Castleisland bypass is kept free from litter as much as possible.

The following reply issued:

In accordance with the adopted Service Delivery Plan, the Council carries out routine maintenance, including litter picking on the footpath, every two months on this route, which is scheduled again shortly.

Cllr. B. O'Connell said this is a very important route into the county and important to keep it litter free.

Cllr. N. Kelleher SECONDED this motion and asked that consideration be given to scheduling litter picking on this route more often than every two months.

7. Election Posters

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. R. Beasley PROPOSED:

Due to the unsightly nature of posters and the damage to the environment that they cause, that political parties in Kerry would agree to no longer erect posters at election time.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. R. Beasley said great praise is due to Tidy Towns groups for their work, however, posters at election times are unsightly. He asked for support to at least contain the use of election posters to a designated area within towns.

Cllr. D. Grady **SECONDED** this motion and said for a number of years election posters have not been allowed in Killarney town.

8. Replacement of Derelict Buildings in Small Villages with Housing Units

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

To ask Senior Management at Kerry County Council that they would replace derelict buildings in all small villages with social housing units.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council recognises the negative visual impact that derelict properties can have on our towns and villages across the county. In this regard a new Derelict Sites Officer has been appointed to deal with Derelict Sites on a full-time basis. We currently have in the region of 90 properties on our Derelict Sites Register across the County. Many other properties have been surveyed and notices have been served on the owners seeking remedial works to be carried out to remove the dereliction. As part of the process in preparing the draft Tralee and Killarney Municipal Area Plans, a comprehensive survey of Derelict Sites in both towns was carried out. This will be continued in the preparation of the remaining Municipal area plans in 2018. This Council has been proactive in providing for reduced development contributions through the scheme adopted by council in 2017 to encourage the redevelopment of these sites.

If suitable sites are identified for meeting the Council's housing programme these will be assessed from a value for money and time delivery perspective. It must be recognised, however, that the delivery of Social housing units through the derelict sites procedures is limited and cannot yield the scale of developments required to meet the Council's Social Housing targets nor meet the housing need within the county. The cost and complexity of delivering social housing through dealing with existing derelict sites are important considerations prior to embarking on any such scheme

Cllr. O'Shea called on Kerry County Council to issue the owners of derelict properties with enforcement orders to clean up these properties as they are an eyesore in the communities.

Cllr. P. Daly **SECONDED** this motion.

9. Petition regarding the right to housing

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. N. Foley PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council endorse the efforts of students from CBS, The Green, Tralee to raise awareness around issues of homelessness and further support their petition to Mr Eoghan Murphy, TD, Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government for the right to housing to be enshrined in our Constitution.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. N. Foley said great work is being done by the students from CBS, The Green, Tralee and she asked that Kerry County Council endorse their petition for the right to housing to be enshrined in our Constitution.

Cllr. J. Moloney **SECONDED** this motion.

10. Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill, 2018

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. T. Ferris PROPOSED:

Kerry County Council urges Senators to support the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill, 2018.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for consideration by the members.

Cllr. T. Ferris called for cross party support for this motion and called on all Senators to vote in favour of the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill, 2018. She referred to the 2014 51-day assault on Gaza where children and entire families lost their lives. Last week on 1 day 50 people were killed and 1,200 wounded. The UN estimates that 400,000 Gazan children are now in need of psychological care. She called for a boycott of products in supermarkets with the 729 Code which indicates they are produced by Israel. This boycott is a non-violent tool for social change and is not anti-semitic, in fact it is supported by many Jewish organisations. Israel must be compelled to follow international law and respect Palestine. We must stand in solidarity against massacre & oppression. This motion is about humanity and justice standing in support of Palestinian children. Settlements violate the prohibition of the 4th Geneva convention on the transfer of civilian population into occupied territories which constitutes a war crime. All EU states oppose settlements, there now needs to be action on a national basis.

Cllr. P. Daly **SECONDED** this motion.

Cllr. N. Moriarty moved **Notice of Motion No. 23.**

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. N. Moriarty PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council urges all Seanad members to support the Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill, 2018. This bill is due to be discussed in the Seanad in June and it is supported by the following NGO's; Trócaire, Christian Aid, Irish Congress of Trade Unions and Amnesty.

Cllr. N. Moriarty supported Cllr. Ferris's statement. It is not viable for Palestine to have a state when their land is being attacked. Sanctions are often used by sovereign states when they disagree with a country and awareness of this matter must be raised. She supported the call for a boycott of products in supermarkets with the 729 Code which indicates they are produced by Israel.

Cllr. A. Thornton moved **Notice of Motion No. 32.**

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. A. Thornton PROPOSED:

That the members of Kerry County Council urge senators to pass the following Seanad Bill - The Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018.

Cllr. A. Thornton said the Palestinian people are suffering the most appalling fate. In the seventy years since the establishment of the State of Israel no peace treaty has provided enough to allow a viable Palestinian state to develop. Their lives are a constant struggle with poor living conditions lacking even the most basic comforts of

a regular water and electricity supply. Children in particular carry the greatest burden of this impasse robbed of a childhood and a future. Presently the Palestinian people are divided both politically and territorially. She condemned the building of Jewish settlements in the 'occupied' territories and the daily humiliations and hardships suffered by the Palestinian people of Gaza. She condemned the disproportionate use of violence in the defence of State security. We as public representatives must retain the capacity to keep pressure on the Oireachtas to use all in its power to condemn injustice and fight for peace and a recognition of a viable and prosperous Palestinian State. However, as a public representative I want to retain the capacity to condemn without declaring one side a villain. Complex conflicts are never resolved by demonising one side, we will not be helping the Palestinian people by doing it. All we will achieve is a diminution of our power as public representatives to effect real and lasting peace in that troubled land.

Cllr. J. Finucane said this is a very important humanitarian issue and he **SECONDED** these motions.

Cllr. P. Daly condemned the attack this week on unarmed Palestinian protestors. The state of Israel is acting without impunity. He supported the call for a boycott of products in supermarkets with the 729 Code indicating they are produced by Israel. He asked that a twinning arrangement between Tralee and a town near Bethlehem be investigated.

Cllr. T. Ferris **SECONDED** this motion.

11. Funding Application regarding Flooding in Glenflesk

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. N. Kelleher PROPOSED:

I call on Kerry County Council to extend the application for funding to the OPW regarding flooding in Glenflesk from Curreal Bridge to Minish.

The following reply issued:

As advised to the members of the Killarney Municipal District, at the meeting of the 1st May 2018, Kerry County Council has submitted an application to the OPW for funding under the "Non Coastal Minor Works Flood Mitigation Scheme" for the clearance of vegetation along a 5.6 km section of the River Flesk between Curreal Bridge, at Glenflesk, and Loo Bridge. The estimated cost of the works is approx. €99,000 and also includes a treatment programme for the eradication of Japanese Knotweed over a 3 to 4 year period.

As agreed at the meeting, the request for further clearance of vegetation downstream from Curreal Bridge to Minish will be assessed and a report brought back to the next Killarney MD meeting.

Cllr. N. Kelleher asked that his name be added to the list of attendees for the Transport Infrastructure Ireland meeting on 12th June, 2018. He said there was a commitment given at the Killarney Municipal District meeting that a second application would be submitted to the OPW. He asked if this second application would now be made to the OPW. He asked for an update on the Transport Infrastructure Ireland report regarding the N22 and when it would be available to elected members.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae moved **Notice of Motion No. 14.**

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

To ask Kerry County Council have they made a second application to the Minor Flood works Mitigation Scheme to clear the river from Curreal Bridge down to Gortacoosh, following a commitment given to my deputation at the recent Killarney MD meeting.

The following reply issued:

As advised to the members of the Killarney Municipal District, at the meeting of the 1st May 2018, Kerry County Council has submitted an application to the OPW for funding under the "Non Coastal Minor Works Flood Mitigation Scheme" for the clearance of vegetation along a 5.6km section of the River Flesk between Curreal Bridge, at Glenflesk, and Loo Bridge. The estimated cost of the works is approx. €99,000 and also includes a treatment programme for the eradication of Japanese Knotweed over a 3 to 4 year period.

As agreed at the meeting, the request for further clearance of vegetation downstream from Curreal Bridge to Gortacoosh will be assessed and a report brought back to the next Killarney MD meeting.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said Killarney Municipal District members were told this application would be submitted to the OPW in a matter of weeks as all assessments had been done. She asked for a timeline on when the application will be made.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, said the commitment that was given by the Senior Engineer was that it would be reviewed and reported back to senior management. An application will be submitted to the OPW. The benefits of clearing downstream from Curreal Bridge to Gortacoosh, however, are minor.

In relation to the draft report on the N22, this is a complex report because issues were raised regarding raising the level of the road. A separate report has been drafted to consider issues raised by elected members regarding flooding in Glenflesk. As the N22 adjoins the River Flesk there is a requirement to do appropriate screening. A comprehensive report on the N22 is being developed over the next nine months. Any proposed works must comply with the EU Habitats Directive or such works could be challenged. Other processes were put to the community which were not accepted. The CFRAMS programme has identified Glenflesk as an area that needs further assessment. Members will be advised as soon as the report is ready.

The Chief Executive said the it has been identified that the benefits of clearing downstream from Curreal Bridge to Gortacoosh are minor and will have only a marginal impact on the premises in the area. Any works that will help the area will be done, however, before a second application is made all analysis and assessments must be done.

12. Demountable Units

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

Can Kerry County Council Management explain why they have an all out ban on providing people with demountable units where these people have their own land and want to stay on it and would rather live in extremely poor conditions than move off it.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council does not have a policy banning outright the provision of demountable units. In fact, the Council has only recently agreed to purchase six of these units for specific cases costing an average of €40,000 each excluding siting costs. These units will be 50% grant funded by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government.

However, I wish to point out that a circular issued by the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in November 2016 advised local authorities that it was its policy to provide permanent accommodation insofar as possible and that the provision of demountable units should only be on an emergency basis only. In making an application for grant funding the local authorities must clearly demonstrate that the proposed demountable unit is required on foot of a genuine emergency and explain the circumstances e.g. an unanticipated event such as fire damage/storm/flood which would render their current accommodation uninhabitable. A property that falls into disrepair over time due to lack of maintenance is not considered to be an emergency as this can be foreseen and preventative action taken by the owner.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae said demountable units are a very important aspect of housing in this Local Authority, often providing housing for a person in an emergency case. He said it is his understanding that the recent tendered units are necessary replacements for existing units. The reply states "A property that falls into disrepair over time due to lack of maintenance is not considered to be an emergency as this can be foreseen and preventative action taken by the owner", however, this is not what happens. Consideration must be given to the fact that some people do not want to leave their land. He asked that such housing applicants be accommodated with a demountable unit on their own land.

Cllr. N. Kelleher **SECONDED** this motion and said there are instances where the provision of a demountable unit is the right option for a housing applicant. He suggested that the Housing Department consider modular housing as a housing option.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Service, said for many years demountable units have not been included in government policy on housing. Kerry County Council was successful in getting part funding for six replacement demountable units having made a specific case to the Department. It is our understanding, however, that this funding was provided on a once off basis as government policy specifies that the widespread use of demountable units is not acceptable. Elected members may call for an amendment to this policy. It is accepted by the Housing Department that there are exceptional cases where a demountable unit is the only housing option.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae **PROPOSED** that Kerry County Council write to the Minister for Housing to remove restrictions on Local Authorities providing demountable units where there is no other option for housing applicants.

Cllr. N. Kelleher **SECONDED** this proposal.

Suspension of Standing Orders

The Cathaoirleach indicated that it was 2.00 p.m. and it would be necessary to suspend Standing Orders.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. N. Kelleher, SECONDED by Cllr. N. Moriarty it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow the meeting to continue.

13. Provision of free in car bins

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. D. McCarthy PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council should provide free in car bins to each person who pays car tax as an incentive to reduce littering from vehicles.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council has provided free in car bins as an effort to reduce car generated litter on our roadsides for a number of years through funding from the Agenda 21 Environmental fund. It is intended to provide such car bins again this year to motorists and same will be distributed through the County network of Service Stations as heretofore.

Cllr. T. McEllistram SECONDED this motion.

15. Sluice Gates at Arkeragh

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. J. Lucid PROPOSED:

I ask that Kerry County Council take the necessary action at Arkeragh, namely to replace the remaining obsolete sluice gates and to keep the channel at Blackrock clear to ensure that the threat of flooding of the R551 at Buncurrag is minimised.

The following reply issued:

There are 6 sluice gates at Arkeragh, where a system of non-return flap valves operate to allow the water from the drainage network into the mouth of the channel while preventing the tidal seawater from travelling upstream.

Two of the sluice gates have been replaced. A further two were removed in early April for repair and will be refitted when the repairs are complete. Following the replacement of these sluice gates, the final 2 will be removed for repair.

In addition to this there are 2 sluice gate arrangements that form the outlet of the Banna district drainage which converges at the Arkeragh channel mouth, which have also been replaced.

The channel is monitored twice weekly and cleared fortnightly. The Arkeragh Drainage network will be included in the Coastal Erosion and Flood Mitigation Study of the bay, for which funding has been approved by the OPW.

Cllr. J. Lucid welcomed the work done to clear the sluice gates at Arkeragh and that they are operational again.

Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED this motion and said it is very important for the people of Ballyheigue and surrounding areas that the gates remain operational.

Cllr. G. Spring supported this motion.

Cllr. N. Moriarty moved Notice of Motion No. 16 on behalf of Cllr. J.J. Culloty.

16. Purchase of land for new road in Tomies

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. J.J. Culloty PROPOSED:

I call on this Council, to write to the OPW, requesting them to conclude the purchase of the land for the new road into Tomies. This has taken far too long to finalise

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for resolution by the members.

17. Purchase of Durapatchers

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. J. Sheahan PROPOSED:

To ask Kerry County Council to proceed with the purchase of 2 new Durapatchers as soon as possible to maintain the upkeep of roads throughout the County.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council has tendered for the supply of this equipment

Cathaoirleach J. Sheahan asked that the durapatchers would be delivered as soon as possible. The introduction of this equipment will have a positive effect on the maintenance of roads in rural areas.

Cllr. B. Cronin SECONDED this motion.

18. Lands at St. Finan's in Killarney

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. B. Cronin PROPOSED:

To ask for an update on discussions by this Council with the HSE regarding acquiring some of the lands at St Finan's in Killarney.

The following reply issued:

The Council has been in on-going discussions with the HSE regarding their St. Finan's campus including a further meeting in recent weeks. Members will be aware that the HSE is advancing plans for a new facility on the Lewis Road end of the campus. The Council has expressed an interest in acquiring a portion of the remaining lands.

It has been confirmed at this point by the HSE that apart from the piece of ground being utilised for their new facility, that the remainder of the site will not be further sub divided and will not be offered in smaller lots. The remainder of the site (including all buildings and remaining lands) has been offered for sale at market value to other State agencies under established protocols. If no interest or offer is made under this process, then the site will be offered on the open market.

The outcome of that process is awaited

Cllr. B. Cronin said there is a limited supply of land for development within Killarney. This is a site that is ideal from many aspects and he asked that management would seize the opportunity to acquire it.

Cathaoirleach J. Sheahan SECONDED this motion and encouraged Kerry County Council to do everything to try to acquire this site.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Service, said the HSE has clearly indicated that they will not divide the remaining campus which contains a substantial protected structure. There could be a substantial investment in purchasing and developing this site.

The Chief Executive said regardless of who the owners of this site may be, Kerry County Council will seek every opportunity to acquire some land for housing.

19. Purpose built retirement villages

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. T. McEllistrim PROPOSED:

To call on the Government to give funding to local Authorities / HSE to e.g. construct purpose built retirements villages in Co. Kerry where Medical & Social Services would be readily available for older people to live independently.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for resolution by the members.

Cllr. T. McEllistrim said this is an important issue for Kerry as there are no such villages in the county. Such a retirement village is an alternative to going to a nursing home. Many services could be available to residents in these villages as well as it having a social aspect. It would also ease the burden on the health service. Per the 2016 Census Kerry has one of the oldest populations in the country.

Cllr. D. McCarthy SECONDED this motion.

21. "Homes for our Citizens Scheme"

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. M. Cahill PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council liaise with all Voluntary Housing Groups in the County and initiate a "Homes For Our Senior Citizens Scheme" whereby houses will be constructed/purchased in each town and village throughout Kerry where demand exists, as our Senior Citizens are now living longer and require to be closer to the Shops, Church, Post Office, Services, etc. Such a scheme will also help address loneliness in our communities for many of our Senior Citizens.

The following reply issued:

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government provide funding to facilitate delivery through either construction or acquisition of housing accommodation to cater for the priority groups under the Capital Assistance Scheme where the groups are as follows:

- elderly;
- homeless persons (including "care leavers" exiting State care on reaching the age of 18);
- people with a disability, with a particular emphasis on moving people with a disability from a congregated setting into community based living.

Kerry County Council issued a call for CAS Proposals in 2017 and proposals continue to be accepted on a "rolling basis". The Council have a very active working relationship with a number of Approved Housing Bodies and will continue to work together in partnership with them to delivery Housing for the priority groups.

Cllr. M. Cahill said many elderly people want to move into a town or village to be near services.

Cllr. D. Grady SECONDED this motion. He asked if apartments being acquired in Killarney could be facilitated to accommodate people who need sheltered housing.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue, Director of Service, said it is Kerry County Council's intention to do this with the apartments in Killarney. Also, a number of elderly people currently living in family type accommodation elsewhere in the town may relocate. This is being trialled as a pilot project.

22. Insurance for Tidy Towns Groups

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. J. Moloney PROPOSED:

Given the invaluable work undertaken by Tidy Towns groups in the county that KCC establish a fund to help these groups with the rising costs of insurance.

The following reply issued:

The Kerry Public Participation Network has worked over a number of years to develop a very attractive insurance package for community groups and voluntary organisations. All registered members of the PPN can avail of this insurance scheme which through its collective purchasing power has brought about substantial reductions in insurance premia for voluntary groups.

Cllr. J. Moloney said the cost of insurance for these groups is increasing. The groups he has spoken with are now aware of the PPN. He asked that a targeted seminar would be held to disseminate this information.

Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED this motion.

24. Co-ordination of laying utility ground services

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. R. Beasley PROPOSED:

That this Council write to all utility companies asking that they coordinate when laying utility ground services in the County.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council will endeavour where possible, to ensure that where utility companies propose to undertake the laying of underground services, that they liaise with other service providers in co-ordinating any other works to be undertaken.

In many cases where Kerry County Council is undertaking major works, we have contacted all relevant utility companies to establish if they have any existing plans for the upgrading/installation of services and arranged to have the works co-ordinated with the road improvement scheme.

Cllr. R. Beasley welcomed the reply.

Cllr. J. Moloney SECONDED this motion.

Cllr. R. Beasley moved Notice of Motion No. 26 on behalf of Cllr. Ferris.

26. Restoration of Tax Relief on Union Subscriptions

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. T. Ferris PROPOSED:

That Kerry County Council supports calls for the restoration of tax relief on union subscriptions.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for resolution by the members.

Cllr. D. Grady SECONDED this motion

27. Deferral of Farm Inspections

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. D. McCarthy PROPOSED:

To ask Kerry County Council to write to the Minister for Agriculture requesting that all farm inspections be deferred for at least six months in light of the bad spring and farmers being in distress following the fodder crisis.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for resolution by the members.

Cllr. D. McCarthy said it has been a very difficult winter and spring for farmers and it is costing farmers to provide fodder.

Cllr. R. Beasley SECONDED this motion.

29. Retention of monies collected from Motor Tax in the County

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

That we the members of Kerry County Council resolve to keep all monies collected from motor tax in the County to deal specifically with our roads.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council collects Motor Tax on an agency basis for Central Government and is legally obliged to transfer all monies collected on a daily basis to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae said road users do not see a return for the money they pay on motor tax. She noted Kerry County Council's legal obligation in relation to monies collected from motor tax.

The Chief Executive said road grants received over the last 2-3 years is in excess of what is collected in the county through motor tax.

30. Staff recruitment for the Roads Programme

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. J. Lucid PROPOSED:

I ask that Kerry County Council recruit additional General staff straight away to have work backlogs cleared. With the roads programme starting, additional resources are needed to help deal with issues that are on hand since the flooding incident of the 22nd of November 2017.

The following reply issued:

The level of staffing is reviewed annually, primarily having regard to the level of grant aid made available from state agencies for the roadworks programme. With the increase in grant aid this year, 19 permanent outdoor road staffing positions have been recently filled and an additional 26 seasonal workers and 10 seasonal drivers recruited to deliver the roadworks programme.

The road works programme is on schedule and there is no current backlog. Unfortunately, it was not possible to commence the work programme earlier, as it is weather dependant and there are specific requirements in relation to temperature controls with the laying of bitumen products.

Cllr. J. Lucid welcomed the recruitment of additional staff.

Cllr. N. Moriarty moved **Notice of Motion No. 31** on behalf of Cllr. Culloty.

31. Purchase of Durapatcher

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. J.J. Culloty PROPOSED:

As there was no Dura Patcher or Velocity Patcher in operation for a number of days, I ask the Executive to give details regarding purchase of the long overdue Velocity Patchers.

The following reply issued:

Kerry County Council has tendered for the supply of this equipment. The existing Velocity Patcher was leased, to allow for an evaluation in advance of making a determination on the future investment, given the significant cost involved. The leased plant had to be taken out of service for a short number of days for servicing and repairs by the supplier and it was also trialled in other Municipal Districts. Some of the older Durapatchers, which are almost 20 years in operation, had to be decommissioned and are now being replaced by the velocity patchers being procured.

33. HSE Cervical Check Cancer Screening

Pursuant to notice duly given Cllr. B. Cronin PROPOSED:

That we the members of this Council give our full support to all women affected by the HSE cervical check cancer screening scandal. That we also call on the Minister for Health to pass legislation to ensure mandatory disclosure of information to patients regarding tests and scans to prevent a repeat of this shocking withholding of information from patients.

Mr. L. Quinlan stated this is a matter for resolution by the members.

Cllr. B. Cronin called on Kerry's Oireachtas members to speak strongly for patients and families involved. We as a Local Authority must recognise the extreme courage of the women involved in speaking out and in dealing with what they are going through. It is shocking that a state body such as the HSE would deliberately withhold vital information from patients in such a serious matter. Anybody involved in this that did not speak up should be removed from their positions. We must never experience such a scandal again. The HSE structure must become a people oriented service.

Cllr. D. Grady **SECONDED** this motion.

18.05.21.10 Correspondence – Conferences and Seminars

- (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Lucid, SECONDED by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Sheahan, at the national Citizens' Dialogue on the Future of Europe held in Dublin on the 9th May, 2018.
- (b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Lucid, SECONDED by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Sheahan, at the Annual Daniel O'Connell Commemoration held in Dublin on the 13th May, 2018.
- (c) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Lucid, SECONDED by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to authorise the attendance of the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J. Sheahan, at the London Rose of Tralee selection held in London on the 19th May 2018.
- (d) It was noted that, following approval at the January, 2018 Council meeting, Cllrs. B. O'Connell, J. Lucid, T. Ferris, P. McCarthy, T. McEllistram, M. Cahill, D. Grady, G. Spring, J. Healy-Rae, N. Kelleher, J. Moloney, M. O'Shea, J. Finucane, L. Purtill, J. Sheahan and R. Beasley would attend the ALLG in service training – Module 2 2018 "Councillors & Community Safety" to be held in Ennis, Co. Clare on 24th May, 2018.
- (e) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Healy-Rae, SECONDED by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to authorise the attendance of Cllrs. P. Connor-Scarteen, B. O'Connell, N. Kelleher, P. McCarthy, D. Grady, G. Spring, J. Healy-Rae, M. Healy-Rae, N. Moriarty, J. Moloney and J. Sheahan at the "Public Private Partnerships. Opportunity or Threat?" Irish Private & Public Bodies (Consulting) Ltd. Training session to be held in Whitford House Hotel, Wexford, from 8th-10th June, 2018.
- (f) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. Healy-Rae, SECONDED by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to authorise the attendance of Cllrs. N. Moriarty, M. O'Shea, B. O'Connell, R. Beasley, J. Sheahan, J. Lucid, N. Kelleher, G. Spring, M. Kennelly, M. O'Shea, L. Purtill, T. McEllistram, D. Grady at the National Planning Framework Policy Forum "Priorities for implementing 'Project Ireland 2040'" to be held on 31st May, 2018.

18.05.21.11 Correspondence General

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

	Date	From	Description
1.	14-Mar-18	Dublin Airport Authority	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the introduction of a special dedicated passport/identity check lane for arrivals into Dublin Airport from all Irish airports.
2.	14-Mar-18	Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding CAP Proposals.
3.	6-Apr-18	Minister for Foreign Affairs & Trade	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
4.	9-Apr-18	Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the publication of the Wind Energy Development Guidelines.
5.	11-Apr-18	Irish Water	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding an Irish Water office in Kerry.
6.	11-Apr-18	Road Safety Authority	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding pedestrian safety.
7.	12-Apr-18	Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding selling energy from the grid outside this country.
8.	12-Apr-18	Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the National Broadband Plan and broadband in Kerry County.
9.	13-Apr-18	Department of Business, Enterprise & Innovation	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council asking that the Government draw up a ten year programme to decentralise thousands of jobs along the Wild Atlantic Way.
10.	13-Apr-18	Irish Greyhound Board	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding dog fouling in public areas, in particular on playing fields.
11.	23-Apr-18	Minister for Training, Skills, Innovation R&D	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding apprenticeships.
12.	24-Apr-18	Minister for Education & Skills	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding pupil teacher ratio.
13.	24-Apr-18	Minister for Children & Youth Affairs	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the ECCE Scheme.
14.	30-Apr-18	Mondelez International	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding non-stick chewing gum.
15.	30-Apr-18	Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the fodder situation.
16.	30-Apr-18	Minister for Justice & Equality	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council on the issue of burglary.

	Date	From	Description
17.	1-May-18	Minister for Housing, Planning & Local Government	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council concerning pensioners that do not qualify for the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
18.	2-May-18	Minister for Health	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding waiting lists for Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services in Kerry.
19.	4-May-18	Minister for Health	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding lidocaine 5% medicated plaster.
20.	8-May-18	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding a meeting with TII.
21.	9-May-18	Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding Community Employment Schemes.
22.	10-May-18	Transport Infrastructure Ireland	Response to a resolution from Kerry County Council regarding the Special Speed Limit Review.

18.05.21.12 Any Other Business

Blue Flag Beaches

Cathaoirleach J. Sheahan advised the meeting the Kerry County Council has been informed that it has retained its 14 Blue Flag beaches which is very welcome news.

Meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland on 12th June, 2018

The following elected members indicated that they would attend the meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland on Tuesday, 12th June, 2018.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. J. Sheahan, Cllr. N. Kelleher, Cllr. M. Gleeson, Cllr. B. O'Connell; Cllr. J.J. Culloty, Cllr. D. Grady, Cllr. B. Cronin and Cllr. M. Healy-Rae.

Electronic Speed Indicator Signs

Cllr. M. Cahill said communities are looking for electronic speed indicator signs at the entrance to villages and outside pre-schools.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, said this matter can be examined by the Operations SPC.

Car Tyres damaged in Potholes

Cllr. T. Barry asked if a motorist can be compensated for a car tyre damaged in a pothole.

Mr. C. O'Sullivan, Director of Service, in general non-feasance applies and the Local Authority is not responsible. A submission can be made, however, to the Risk Control Office for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 2.55 p.m.

Liam Quinlan
Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach of Kerry County Council