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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY HELD IN THE AREA SERVICE CENTRE, KILLORGLIN, FRIDAY 26th JANUARY, 2018**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I LÁRIONAD SEIRBHÍSÍ CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN AOINE 26Ú EANAIR 2018.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen  
Cllr M. Cahill  
Cllr. D. Quigg  
Cllr. S. Fitzgerald  
Cllr. M O' Shea**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty  
Cllr. J. F. Flynn  
Cllr. J. Healy-Rae  
Cllr. D. McCarthy**

**IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue  
MD**

**Delegated Executive for South and West Kerry**

**Mr. P. Teahan**

**SEE**

**Ms. S. Griffin**

**Municipal District Officer**

**Ms. B. Reidy**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Mr. B. Hickey**

**EE Killorglin**

**Mr. M Kelliher**

**EE Caherciveen**

**Mr. V. Horgan**

**EE Kenmare**

**Mr. C. Nagle**

**EE Dingle**

**Mr. C Mangan**

**S.E.E Water Services**

**Mr. C. Slattery**

**S.S.O. Housing**

**Mr. D. Murphy**

**S.E.E. Housing Estates Unit**

**Mr. G. O' Brien**

**A/S.E.O. Environmental Services & HEU**

**Ms. C. Fitzgerald**

**A.S.O Corporate Affairs**

The meeting commenced at 10.36 a.m.

Leas-Cathaoirleach N Moriarty took the chair.

**26.01.18.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes**

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald & SECONDED by Cllr. M OqShea it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 be confirmed.

(b) (a) Reception of Deputations

(a) Deputation from The Dingle Way Committee.

Re: Upgrade of the Dingle Way  
**Requested by Cllr. S Fitzgerald**

The Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald welcomed the deputation (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) and briefed them on the standing orders for reception of deputations at the meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

The first spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) introduced himself and circulated a document on the Dingle Way to the members. He stated that the Dingle Way stretches from the southern side of the Dingle Peninsula to Mount Brandon and goes through the rural area of the Peninsula. The walk is recognised by the National Trails Office and is a very important economic driver to the area. He referred members to the circulated document, which displayed a number of photographs of the spectacular scenery on the Dingle Way. The walk is maintained by a voluntary group, which has now become a huge burden on them as problems have arisen to develop and maintain the route. A recent survey conducted on the route highlighted that 95% of the visitors to the Dingle Way are from overseas, primarily from France and Germany who also visited the area for a longer period of time than tourists from the U.K. The survey also highlighted that the tourists were very happy with this visit and in particular the scenery. He acknowledged Kerry County Council pays the insurance on the walkway and provides allocation of " 3,000 towards the maintenance of the walkway. However, he stated that additional funding is required from both the council and other agencies to bring the walkway up to standards. The walkway is crucial to the survival of local B&Bs, bus drivers and local businesses. The number of walkers on the Dingle Way has increased three-fold in the last number of years. The spokesperson explained that 47% of the walkway is on road surface. The committee wants to re-route sections off the road and reduce this static to meet the international standard of less than 30% on roadways. This will involve sourcing alternative routes. Currently the Dingle Way is over dependant on volunteers and landowners. The Dingle Way requires a full-time officer to maintain the walkway in association with RSS supervisors and workers, local groups, Kerry County Council and Údarás na Gaeltachta. The person would also be required to liaise with the National Trails Office, to ensure insurance requirements are adhered to. They would also be responsible for developing marketing material for brochures, websites etc. In conclusion, he stated that the continued support is required from Kerry County Council, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Fáilte Ireland/ Tourism Ireland, Leader companies . NEWKD/ SKDP and other public agencies.

The second spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) introduced himself as Chairperson of the Dingle Way Committee. He stated that he has visited many walkways all over the world and that none was as beautiful as the Dingle Way. It has everything on its doorstep. The assistance of the landowners is forthcoming. However, he stated that the competition from other walkways is huge and it is very important that a percentage of the route is taken off the roadway to meet the 30% national standards. He explained that funding is required to carry out maintenance works to the walkway and erect fencing. The co-operation of all agencies is required to get this done correctly. He reiterated that it is a struggle to keep the Dingle Way opened and referred to the closure of the Ulster Way route.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the deputation and stated that he has walked both the Dingle Way and the Camino and the scenery on the Dingle Way is far more superb. He explained that essential works are required to upgrade the walkway such as addressing the surface water and maintaining the footpaths. Currently 47% of the walk way is on land, however a percentage of this walkway needs to be re-routed to take the walkway off the road to meet the National Standard. He acknowledged that the success of the Dingle Way would not be possible without the consent of the landowners. The walkway is a huge attraction to the area and is responsible for the survival of many B&Bs, in particular the rural areas of the walkway. The newly introduced flight from Berlin to Kerry will also attract more tourists to the county. He supported the deputations request to appoint a full time walks officer for the Peninsula, similar to the position held by *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* Rural Recreational Officer for the McGillycuddy Reeks. This person would be responsible for liaising with the National Trails Office and applying for funding and marketing the Dingle Way.

Cllr. M. Cahill thanked the deputation for the excellent presentation and stated that the scenery from the Dingle Way is fantastic. He supported the calls to employ a walks officer and stated that he had previously called for the appointment of a cycling officer. He suggested that a letter would issue to Mr. Brendan Griffin Minister of State for Tourism and Sport, requesting that funding would be provided for the appointment of a walks officer for the Dingle Peninsula.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the deputation and stated that he had undertaken many walks throughout Europe and agreed that nothing was as beautiful as the walkways in this county. Walking has become a very popular activity with many doctors now recommending it for people suffering with mental illness. He suggested that the committee would look at sourcing funding from the Flag Ship fund. He stated that it is crucial that this walk way remains opened and offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. N Moriarty welcomed the deputation and stated that there is huge potential to twin the Dingle Way with the Camino in North Spain. This can coincide with the proposed ferry route from Ireland to Spain. She offered the deputation her full support and offered to assist them with match funding if permitted.

Cllr. J Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and wished to acknowledge the fantastic work been done by this voluntary committee. He called upon Kerry County Council to co-fund the appointment of a walks officer with Údarás na Gaeltachta. He stated that it is critical that the area is maintained and that the goodwill of the farmers is recognised. Without the permission of the landowners, this walkway would cease to exist.

Cllr. J.F Flynn welcomed the deputation and thanked them for highlighting this matter. He wished to support the call for the appointment of a walks officer. The McGillycuddy Reeks has benefited hugely since the appointment of a Rural Recreational officer to the area and believed that a similar appointment to the Dingle Peninsula would be a great asset to the area. The Dingle Way is a very important

asset to the Dingle Peninsula and contributes to keeping rural Ireland alive. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation and wished to support the previous comments expressed by the members. He suggested that advertisements would be displayed in the bigger cities of Germany advertising Kerry and that it can be reached in two hours via the Berlin to Kerry flight. He stated that he would also support the twinning of the Dingle Walkway and the Camino.

Cllr. M O'Shea welcomed the deputation and acknowledged the work undertaken by this voluntarily group. He stated that Kerry Airport has proven to a great success attracting tourists from all over the world who come to this county for the outdoor activities. He complimented the work of Kerry County Council's Tourism Unit in promoting the county and called on the council to contribute towards the appointment of a Walks Officer for the Dingle Peninsula.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with the comments expressed by the previous speakers. He complimented the works carried out by the deputation and stated that it is very important that this walkway gets the recognition it deserves. He stated that he would have concerns regarding public liability insurance for the landowners.

Mr. J. Griffin welcomed the deputation and complimented them on the outstanding work they have carried out on the Dingle Way and in particular *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* who has been part of this committee for the last twenty years. He acknowledged the landowners who have allowed the public to access their land. He stated that walking has become a very popular activity, and is one of the biggest tourist attractions to this county. In 2017, an application for funding under the Recreational Grant Scheme was submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development. However, the application was unsuccessful. He explained that a substantial part of the walkway is currently on the roadway, which needs to be re-routed to meet the national standards. He explained that a walks officer is required to facilitate both the re-routing of the walkway and to compensate landowners who allow the public access their land. Údaras na Gaeltachta have applied for funding to employ a Walks Officer and have requested a letter of support from Kerry County Council, which have been issued. He added that the matter has been highlighted to Mr. B. Griffin T.D. Minister of State for Tourism & Sport. On conclusion, he stated that he recently attended the CMT travel fair in Stuttgart, where the Dingle Way was highlighted.

Mr. M O'Donoghue welcomed the deputation and commended them on the outstanding work they are doing on the Dingle Way. He stated that the voluntary work carried out by this deputation is critical and assured them that Kerry County Council is very committed to working with them. The council will continue to support this project through the Tourism Unit in 2018.

The spokesperson *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* wished to acknowledge the support of Kerry County Council. He stated that a fulltime officer is required for the Dingle Peninsula to administrate funding applications and to liaise with the landowners.

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

**(a) Emergency Notice of Motion**

Cllr. N. Moriarty moved the following emergency Notice of Motion

*That we write immediately to Minister of Agriculture Michael Creed to ensure all required resources are afforded the Kerry DVO to combat the outbreak of TB that farmers in the South Kerry area are dealing with currently, and that this area be made a Pilot Project for vaccination of Badgers and eradication of TB."*

Cllr. N. Moriarty wished to voice her support for the farmers following the recent outbreak of T.B. in South Kerry. She stressed that 93% of the cattle is free of this infection.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae seconded the notice of motion and stated that he had recently raised this matter at the full council meeting. He acknowledged that Kerry County Council have no direct involvement in this matter. He stressed that where 93% of all cattle in South Kerry have been given the all clear, 7% is still a significant number to test positive for T.B. He explained that if your animal tests positive, the Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine will arrange for the infected cattle to be removed and compensation will be offered to the farmer. This process can take up to four weeks. Once the reactors are removed, the farmer has to wait another sixty days for a re-test, before they can move cattle again. This can be a huge expense to the farmer and called on the Department to remove the reactors in a shorter timeframe. He said that he was aware where a farmer had 47 infected cattle out of 67. It can be a very difficult task to rebuild your livelihood and called on the Department to ensure that the farmer receives the market value for the animal. He stated that the Department is hopeful to have T.B. eradicated by 2030, however if the current situation continues, he questioned if farming will exist in South Kerry by 2030. The badger is a protected species and not the cow, despite livelihoods been dependent on cattle. He stated that these regulations are destroying the small farmer.

Cllr. D. McCarthy wished to support the notice of motion and stated that he empathised with the farmers. He acknowledged that 93% of the cattle have been given the all clear, but is still a serious problem when marketing the area. There is no system in place to deal with the mental health of the farmers when their cattle are being taken away and the financial pressure it puts farmers under. He explained that there is only one person in the county to snare and capture the badger and called on the Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine to employ additional staff to cull the badgers.

Cllr. M. Cahill moved the following emergency Notice of Motion which supported by Cllr. J. F Flynn in advance of the meeting.

*That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture and Food Michael Creed TD and his Department Officials/ Veterinary Inspectors to bring immediate clarification as to whether or not it is the Badger, roaming Deer or a other source*

*that is the cause of the massive outbreak of TB in South Kerry and that the Minister and his Officials give every assistance possible to the farmers and farming families affected by this major crisis and help them in dealing with the enormous stress, financial losses and in dealing with eradicating what may very well be a massive wipe out for the region.*

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that the resolution would issue to the Department of Agriculture Food & the Marine. He said he would request immediate clarification as to whether it is the badger or deer causing the outbreak. He said that the cattle can be described as part of the extended family and when the animal is removed it can be compared to a death in the family.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen wished to support the notice of motion.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald wished to support the notices of motion and concurred with the comments expressed by the previous speakers.

It was agreed that both resolutions would issue to the Department of Agriculture, Food & The Marine.

**(B)**To consider the proposed works and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the enhancement and extension of St. Mary's Car Park, Green Street, Dingle-Daingean Uí Chúis

Mr. M. O'Donoghue briefed the members on the following report, circulated to the members in advance of the meeting.

## **COMHAIRLE CHONTAE CHIARRAI/KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT 2000 (LEASAITHE) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000(AS AMENDED)**

#### **Tuairisc an Phríomh-Fheidhmeannaigh a ullmhaíodh de bhun Alt 179(3) Chief Executive Officer's Report prepared pursuant to Section 179(3)**

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#### **1. NATURE & EXTENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:-**

##### **LOCATION:-**

Dingle . Daingean Uí Chúis  
Townlands: - Farranakilla / Fearann an Cille

The proposed works will consist of the following:

- Enhancement and surfacing of St. Mary's car park and extension of the car park to the west to provide approximately 75 additional car parking spaces.
- All accommodation and ancillary works associated with the project.

A part of the scheme is situated within an Architectural Conservation Area and involves works to the boundary of the curtilage of St. Mary's Church, a Protected Structure (RPS Ref. No. 21400615).

A Public Notice was advertised in the Kerry Eye newspaper on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Site Notices were erected on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 along the proposed route. These were inspected regularly.

The Plans and Particulars for the development were on display at the following locations:

- ◆ Operations, Capital Infrastructure and Safety Department, Room 115, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, County Kerry
- ◆ Planning Department, Room 13, County Buildings, Rathass, Tralee, County Kerry
- ◆ Daingean Uí Chúis Area Office, Tigh Fearann na Cille, Daingean Uí Chúis . Dingle
- ◆ Kerry County Council Website [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

Submissions or observations with respect to the proposed development dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area were invited before 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

## **2. RELEVANT DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES / OBJECTIVES / STRATEGIES**

The proposed site is zoned as "Car Park" and "Town Centre" under the Dingle Functional Area Local Area Plan 2012 -2018.

In addition, Objective TC-4 states that it is an objective of the Council to:

Facilitate the alleviation of traffic congestion and the restructuring of parking spaces in the town centre. Provide for easy and safe pedestrian movement throughout the town centre.

The provision of a car park in this location by the Local Authority complies with objective TC-4 and land use strategy contained in the Dingle Functional Area Local Area Plan 2012-2018.

## **3. PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD:-**

*(Names withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

#### **4. ISSUES RAISED, WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, BY PERSONS OR BODIES WHO MADE SUBMISSIONS OR OBSERVATIONS AND MANAGER'S RESPONSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Submission No. 1:** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

##### **Summary of Issues:**

The following has been requested:

- The provision of a double yellow line system as far as the entrance to An Capall Dubh thus maintaining their right-of-way.
- The provision of a yellow box at the entrance to An Capall Dubh thus maintaining their right-of-way.
- That the layout of car parking spaces in the vicinity of the access to An Capall Dubh be redesigned to avoid obstruction to customers accessing/egressing An Capall Dubh.
- The provision of a forecourt gully across the entrance to An Capall Dubh.
- That all run-off water will be controlled and diverted to a storm water network.
- That the existing boundary of An Capall Dubh will not be disturbed.
- The provision of an automatic barrier at access to An Capall Dubh to avoid public access to private parking facility.

##### **Manager's Response:**

The design has taken account of the access to An Capall Dubh which is a property that is accessed through the existing car park; the Right of Way to the property will not be impeded. A yellow box will be provided at the junction to An Capall Dubh and the final lining layout of the car park will ensure there will be no obstruction for customers accessing / egressing the property.

A fully adequate storm water drainage system will be constructed as part of the proposed car park development; this will address any flooding or drainage concerns.

It is not intended to remove any of the boundary wall between the proposed car park development and An Capall Dubh.

There is an existing automatic gate currently in place at the entrance to An Capall Dubh. This automatic gate is located outside the extent of the works proposed.

**Submission No. 2 :** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

##### **Summary of Issues:**

- The layout of car park will result in motorists speeding.

- The footprint of the car park is visually obtrusive from a holiday homes development thereby affecting the visual amenities presently enjoyed at this location.
- That an alternative boundary treatment to post and rail fence be provided as a post and rail fence will not adequately screen the proposed development thus negatively impacting on his property, reducing the privacy and special amenities presently enjoyed at this location which in turn will devalue his property.
- That a buffer be provided between parking spaces and the boundary of the development. Said boundary should be a stone wall to the north and west.

**Manager's Response:**

A minimum width of carriageway has been provided to serve the car park, this combined with the normal functioning of the car park will not give rise to speeding in the proposed car park.

The provision of this infrastructure is identified in the Dingle Local Area Plan. The zoning of the lands at this site allows for its use as a car park.

A boundary treatment in keeping with nature of the proposed development and the objectives of the Local Area Plan shall be put in place as part of the proposed development.

A grassed buffer area will be provided where sufficient space is available within the proposed development.

**Submission No. 3 :** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

**Summary of Issues:**

- No preferential parking available for residents of Green St. and the provision of a paid car park will put extra pressure on on-street car parking spaces. The following solutions are proposed:
  - Reduced all-day rate for the use of the car park should be offered to residents and employees of Green St.
  - Designated Residential parking along Green St.
  - The provision of set-down spaces along Green St for ease of access to chemist and library.

**Manager's Response:**

These concerns and proposals will be considered as a part of the overall parking strategy for Dingle.

**Submission No. 4 :** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

**Summary of Issues:**

- Sight distance entering/exiting An Capall Dubh will be impacted by disabled parking spaces as proposed.
- The entrance/exit to An Capall Dubh will be concealed thus causing a hazard.
- The proposed car park will obstruct access to An Capall Dubh.
- The gradient accessing/exiting An Capall Dubh is a hazard.
- Surface water from the car park will flood An Capall Dubh.
- The area is at present prone to anti-social behaviour and illegal dumping with cars/ campers parking for months at a time. There are fears that the construction of a car park will result in a loss of security for An Capall Dubh.
- The provision of E-Charging facilities will impede on business at An Capall Dubh.
- Overnight parking needs to be controlled.
- Pedestrians will access An Capall Dubh.

**Manager's Response:**

The design has taken account of the access to An Capall Dubh which is a property that is accessed through the existing car park; the Right of Way to the property will not be impeded by the proposal. A yellow box will be provided at the junction to An Capall Dubh and the final lining layout of the car park will ensure that sight distance at the junction and visibility of the access is satisfactory. An acceptable gradient will be provided at the access to An Capall Dubh as there will be minimal changes to the existing car park levels at this location.

A fully adequate storm water drainage system will be constructed as part of the proposed development; this will address any flooding concerns.

The provision of this infrastructure is identified in the Dingle Local Area Plan. The zoning of the lands at this site allows for its use as a car park. Public lighting will be provided in the proposed car park which will lessen the possibility of anti-social behaviour. Enforcement action regarding anti-social behaviour is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

The provision of E-Charging facilities will not impede business or the operation at An Capall Dubh.

Concerns regarding overnight parking will be considered as a part of the overall parking strategy for Dingle and a proposed review of the Dingle Parking Bye-Laws.

The proposed development does not direct pedestrians into the property of An Capall Dubh.

**Submission No. 5 :** *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

**Summary of Issues:**

- Increasing traffic volumes along Green St. contradicts Dingle Town Development Plan 2012-2018 particularly with regard to structures along Green St. listed in the Record of Protected Structures.
- The proposal contradicts Objective TP-1 of the Dingle Town Development Plan 2012-2018 (to facilitate the provision of pedestrian links from Orchard Lane and Green St. to the centrally located O'Donnell Park).
- The proposed location is not suitable for a car park.
- There have been many incidents of unsocial behaviour and vandalism in the existing car park.
- Campervans will stay for prolonged periods.
- The O'Donoghue property is located below the level of the car park and separated by a 900mm wall approx. thus raising privacy and security concerns.
- Flooding concerns due to run-off from higher ground and spring water within the proposed development.
- Has a flood impact assessment been undertaken?
- There is no turning circle shown in the proposed car park layout.
- Is it proposed to remove the large tree from the rear of the O'Donoghue property? What is the proposed landscaping plan?
- Has an environmental assessment been undertaken?

### **Manager's Response:**

The proposed site is zoned as "Car Park" and "Town Centre" under the Dingle Functional Area Local Area Plan 2012 -2018. In addition Objective TC-4 states that it is an objective of the Council to "facilitate the alleviation of traffic congestion and the restructuring of parking spaces in the town centre. Provide for easy and safe pedestrian movement throughout the town centre".

The provision of a car park in this location by the Local Authority complies with objective TC-4 and land use strategy contained in the Dingle Functional Area Local Area Plan 2012-2018.

The proposal does not negatively impact on Objective TP-1 of the Dingle Town Development Plan 2012-2018 as suggested.

Public lighting will be provided in the proposed car park which will lessen the possibility of anti-social behaviour. Enforcement action regarding anti-social behaviour is a matter for An Garda Síochána.

Concerns regarding overnight parking will be considered as a part of the overall parking strategy for Dingle and a proposed review of the Dingle Parking Bye-Laws.

A boundary treatment in keeping with the nature of the proposed development and the objectives of the Local Area Plan shall be put in place as part of the proposed development.

A fully adequate storm water drainage system will be constructed as part of the proposed development; this will address any flooding concerns.

A hammerhead to facilitate vehicles turning will be provided at the western end of the car park.

It is not proposed to remove a tree from the O'Donoghue property. Grassed areas will be provided in accordance with the plan prepared for the proposed development.

Determination Statements (Attached in Appendix A) have been made by the Planning and Sustainable Development Section of the Council that the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment and does not require an Appropriate Assessment. A screening report was prepared which confirms that this development will not have any significant effects on a Natura 2000 site or on the environment.

## **5. EVALUATE THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPER PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA**

1. Determination Statements (Attached in Appendix A) have been made by the Planning and Sustainable Development Section of the Council that the project does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment and does not require an Appropriate Assessment. A screening report was prepared which confirms that this development will not have any significant effects on a Natura 2000 site or on the environment.
2. It is considered that the proposed development is in accordance with the provisions of the Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021 and is in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the County.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS/AMENDMENTS**

The proposed development is considered to be in accordance with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area and consequently it is recommended that the proposed development should proceed.

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***Martin O'Donoghue***  
***Municipal District Manager, South and West Kerry MD***

On the Proposal of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald & Seconded by Cllr. M. O'Shea it was agreed to note the proposed works and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the enhancement and extension of St. Mary's Car Park, Green Street, Dingle-Daingean Uí Chúis.

**(c)** In accordance with the Local Government Act 2001 (as amended) and having regard to section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to the taking in

charge of estates, to consider any objections or representations received and the making of an Order declaring the following roads to be public pursuant to Section 11 (2) (i) of the Roads Act 1993.

**(i)Riverdrive** Castledrum, Castlemaine, - Road from its junction with R561-155 to all terminal points within the estate in **Riverdrive** Castledrum, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry **Map 31** (serving 5 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 245m

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

In accordance with Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 I enclose reports on the Taking in charge, by Kerry county Council of two housing estates in the South & West Kerry Municipal District.

Public notice of our intention to declare the roadways as public roadways was advertised in the local press and submissions were invited.

No submissions or observations were received

I now recommend that these estates are taken in Charge by Kerry County Council, in accordance with the legislation and the Taking in charge policy, adopted by the Council in June 2008 and the recent Memorandum of Understanding and Protocol with Irish Water.

The consideration of these Reports and the making of the Order to declare these roadways as a public roadway is now a reserved function of the members of the South & West Kerry Municipal District in accordance with the Local Government act 2001 (as amended).

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Gerard O'Brien, A/S.E.O.  
Environmental Services, Planning Enforcement, and Housing Estates Unit

## **KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY/CEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS**

**Report Prepared Pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993**

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#### **Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:**

**Riverdrive** Castledrum, Castlemaine, - Road from its junction with R561-155 to all terminal points within the estate in **Riverdrive** Castledrum, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry **Map 31** (serving 5 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 245m

**Background:**

Pursuant to Taking in Charge Policy, adopted by the Council in June 2008, it is proposed to take this roadway in charge.

**Statutory Procedures:**

In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in **Riverdrive** Castledrum, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**Persons or Bodies who made objections or observations within the prescribed period:**

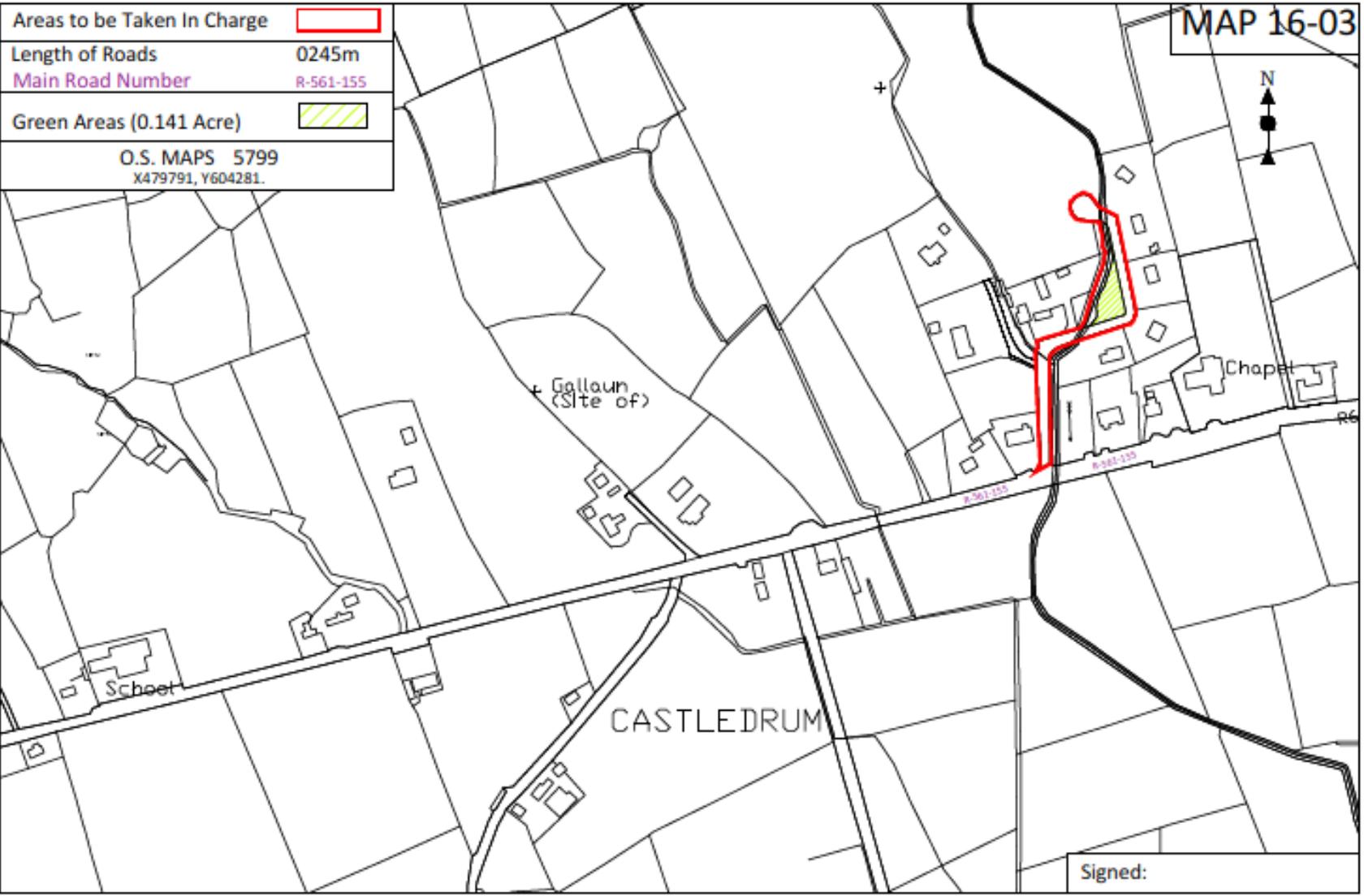
No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell  
Director of Economic & Community Development

MAP 16-03

Areas to be Taken In Charge	
Length of Roads	0245m
Main Road Number	R-561-155
Green Areas (0.141 Acre)	
O.S. MAPS 5799 X479791, Y604281.	



Signed:



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING OPERATIONS CENTRAL DESIGN OFFICE  
 COUNTY BUILDINGS, RATHASS, TRALEE, COUNTY KERRY.  
 P. NEARY, SENIOR ENGINEER.

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 SITE AT:  
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Kerry County Council  
 Riverdrive, Castledrum,  
 Castlemaine.  
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 TITLE:  
 SCALE:  
 DESIGNED BY:

October 2017  
 Taken in Charge  
 1:2500 @ A3  
 S. Mulligan



On the PROPOSAL of Cllr M. Cahill and Cllr. M OqShea it was agreed to make an Order declaring the road from its junction with R561-155 to all terminal points within the estate in **Riverdrive** Castledrum, Castlemaine, Co. Kerry **Map 31** (serving 5 houses).

**(ii) Cloverhill (Phase 2)**, Killorglin - Road from its junction with N70-162 & Cloverhill(Phase 1) estate road to all terminal points within the estate **Cloverhill (Phase 2)**, Killorglin, Co Kerry **Map 16-13** (serving 6 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 99m

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY/CEANTAR BARDASACH  
CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS  
Report Prepared Pursuant to Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993**

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**Locations of Roads to be taken In Charge:**

**Cloverhill (Phase 2)**, Killorglin - Road from its junction with N70-162 & Cloverhill(Phase 1) estate road to all terminal points within the estate **Cloverhill (Phase 2)**, Killorglin, Co Kerry **Map 16-13** (serving 6 houses).

Total Length of road to be Taken in Charge: - 99m

**Background:**

Pursuant to Taking in Charge Policy, adopted by the Council in June 2008, it is proposed to take this roadway in charge.

**Statutory Procedures:**

In accordance with Section 11(b)(iii) of the Roads Act 1993, a Notice of Intention to declare as a public road, the road in **Cloverhill (Phase 2)**, Killorglin, Co. Kerry was published in The Kerryman Newspaper, issue date 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

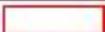
**Persons or Bodies who made objections or observations within the prescribed period:**

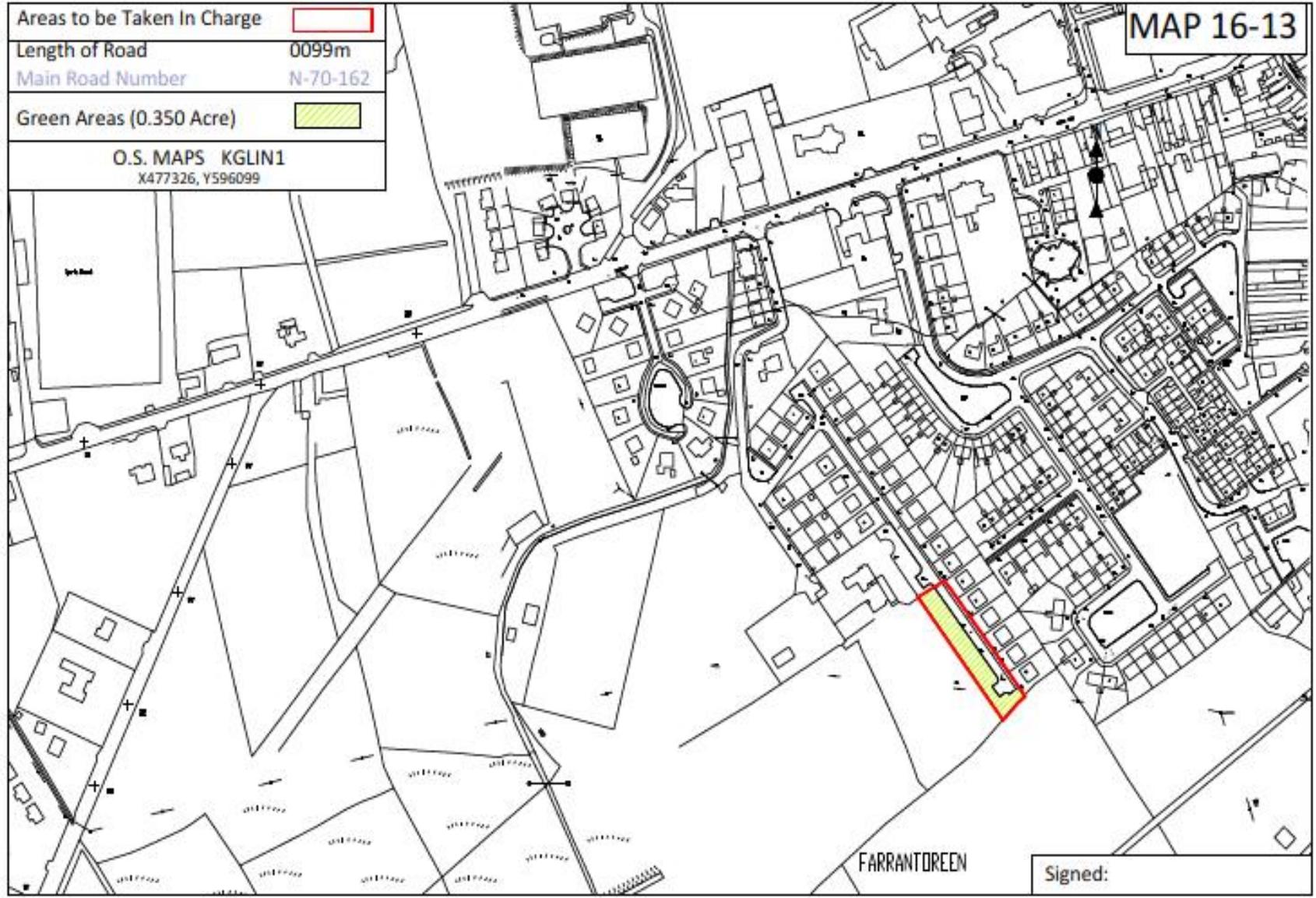
No objections or observations were received within the prescribed period.

I recommend that the road be taken in charge.

Michael Scannell  
Director of Economic & Community Development

MAP 16-13

Areas to be Taken In Charge	
Length of Road	0099m
Main Road Number	N-70-162
Green Areas (0.350 Acre)	
O.S. MAPS KGLIN1 X477326, Y596099	



Signed:



KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HOUSING OPERATIONS CENTRAL DESIGN OFFICE  
 COUNTY BUILDINGS, RATHASS, TRALEE, COUNTY KERRY.  
 G. RIORDAN, SENIOR ENGINEER.

APPLICANT:  
 SITE AT:  
 DRAWING NO.

Kerry County Council  
 Clover Hill,  
 Kiltorglin,  
 HOP-015-TIC-16-13-LOC

DATE:  
 TITLE:  
 SCALE:  
 DESIGNED BY:

May 2015  
 Taken in Charge  
 1:2500 @ A3  
 S. Mulligan



On the Proposal of Cllr. M OqShea and Seconded by Cllr. J Healy-Rae it was agreed to make an Order declaring the Road from its junction with N70-162 & Cloverhill(Phase 1) estate road to all terminal points within the estate **Cloverhill (Phase 2)**, Killorglin, Co Kerry **Map 16-13** (serving 6 houses).

**(a)26.01.18.02 To note update report from Economic and Community Development Directorate**

It was agreed to note the following report.

**BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)**

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

The Local Enterprise Office has continued with the roll out of training programmes in 2018. Initial bookings are very strong across all programmes. A full Start Your Own business programme to cater for up to 20 participants is scheduled for Q2 2018 in Killorglin.

Work is ongoing on the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur Programme with the County finals and Regional finals just completed. The winner of the Best Idea category in Kerry was Caroline Birch from Kenmare.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**Regional Enterprise Development Fund**

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

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

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

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

promote and highlight Kerry as a science and technology hotspot. There have also been allocations for the Sneem Digital Hub and the Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub (MoTeic) in Dingle.

The announcement of funding follows a recent decision by Kerry County Council to set aside " 600,000 in its 2018 Budget to assist in the development of key economic projects in the county in keeping with the objectives of the South West Regional Action Plan for Jobs and the council's own strategic economic development objectives. It is also a resounding support for the ambition of IT Tralee and local industry leaders to develop these projects with the support of the local authority, representing true collaboration across the public and private sectors.

## **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

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### **OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME 2017**

The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme is part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development and provides funding for the development of new infrastructure, or maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure.

Kerry County Council's Tourism Unit coordinated the submission of 4 applications under Measure 2 of the scheme and in early January, the Department announced it would be allocating funding to 2 of these projects as follows:

1. Caragh Lake Amenity Development – allocated " 100,000

Total cost of project: " 125,000

Works: Upgrade the existing public right of way to Caragh Lake to provide full vehicular access that will serve vehicles with attachments and develop universal access. Also to undertake a study in relation to the provision/reconstruction of pier and new slipway.

2. Milltown Heritage & Recreation Trail – allocated " 100,000

Total cost of project: " 125,000

Works: Development of a trail that will commence in the centre of Milltown Village and circles around to Killagha Priory before returning to the village. Upgrade of existing tracks/road, hedge cutting, skirting and drainage works and the provision of a footpath and hard standing picnic area on the N70 entrance to Milltown from Tralee.

In May 2017, the Tourism Unit coordinated the submission of 15 applications under Measure 1 of the Scheme . 13 of which were successful resulting in an allocation of " 114,000 for Measure 1 projects around the county. These included 3 projects for the South & West Municipal District area i.e. Kerry Dark Sky Reserve Solar Trail in Caherdaniel; Daniel O'Connell Heritage Trail in Cahersiveen and Doorus Nature Trail in Lauragh. These three projects have been progressed and will be completed shortly.

### **TOURISM AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME**

The Tourism Ambassador Programme is an initiative developed by Kerry County Council's Tourism Unit in association with the Institute of Technology in Tralee and the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum.

The Programme invites participants from a broad range of tourism businesses and organisations in a particular area of the county, to complete a course which covers an overview of tourism in a their area, the value and importance of tourism to that region and to the county, and ensuring our visitors stay longer in the area and leave with memorable experiences. Lecturers from I.T. Tralee's Hotel,

Culinary & Tourism Department deliver the course. A Tourism Ambassador Programme for the Killorglin area is currently being developed and will take place in Spring 2018.

## COMMUNITY

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### Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Intensive efforts were made to ensure that the requirement to expend 20% of the funding before year end was achieved and in Sth & West Kerry the MD Officer worked with the projects to achieve this. Both Killorglin and Milltown achieved this target.

SW 3	<b>Killorglin Chamber Alliance</b>	Brand and market Killorglin as an Adventure Gateway and Gateway to the McGillicuddy Reeks - make it discoverable on sites such as TripAdvisor and Google Trips-train local providers-a PR initiative focusing on National Geographic and other outdoor publications	" 64,480
SW 6	<b>Milltown Community and Chamber Alliance</b>	Refurbishment of Muintir na Tíre Hall into a centre for the performing arts, a youth café and the construction of publicly accessible toilets.	" 78,400

Each of these projects received 50% of the total project based on 20% expenditure. The challenges include having the correct documentation, including Tax Clearance and other governance matters and credit is due to the volunteers in these committees for achieving this.

### Community Support Fund 2017 and 2018

There is ongoing work with community groups to process payments and a number of the outstanding projects were processed during the past number of months. In addition groups were notified of the 2018 closing dates and there have been multiple queries in relation to the application process. Closing date, 22nd January 2018.

### Tidy Towns Plans

Individual groups have been contacted in relation to the Tidy Towns Plans Scheme and 12 groups have taken up the offer of funding to date. This project is joint LEADER/SKDP and KCC project to support the facilitation and preparation of 24 Tidy Towns Plans.

### Cromane FLAG project

The plan has been completed supported by BIM FLAG funding. The process was very inclusive and broad. It involved six public meetings and consultations. The Plan was presented to the Cromane Community Council in December. There will be a formal launch in the next few weeks.

### Kerry Public Participation Network – website [kerryppn.ie](http://kerryppn.ie)

Registration of groups is now open and all community & voluntary groups have been notified of this. Groups are encouraged to register. There is no charge for registration. Caroline Toal is now the Development Officer for the Kerry PPN. The site is [kerryppn.ie](http://kerryppn.ie); is a very useful site for community information

## **RAPID Funding in the South & West MD area**

The Department of Rural and Community Development advertised a recast RAPID capital grant programme through the Local Community Development Committees with the over-arching objective being to facilitate a more integrated approach **to funding and supports in disadvantaged urban areas/provincial towns**. Under the programme, eligible groups/organisations groups were invited to apply for funding and applications were assessed using the Departmental criteria. The following groups were successful.

- KDYS Neighbourhood Youth Project
- An Bháinseach Estate Ltd.
- Valentia Text Alert Group
- Keel Community Alert

## **Outdoor Recreation Funding**

The successful Measure 2 Grants under the outdoor recreation infrastructure fund were announced on January 8th last. There were 32 rural trails, cycleways and other recreational amenities allocated nationally.

The following two projects were approved for Kerry:

Caragh Lake Amenity Development - Upgrade of Right of Way " 100,000

Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail - Development of Loop Walk - " 100,000

Work is now ongoing to progress these projects with the stakeholders.

## **Chamber Alliances**

Currently work is underway to put in place a work programme with each Chamber Alliance group. Contact is being made with each individually.

## **Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update**

As reported previously work is underway to complete the Kerry Age Friendly Strategy.

World Health Organisation Guidelines on Age Friendly Counties has identified nine themes: 1. Lead healthier & active lives for longer. 2. Stay living in our own homes and communities 3. Get to where we need to go, when we need to. 4. Be enabled by the built and social environment. 5. Feel and be safe at home and out and about. 6. Have the information we need to live full lives. 7. Be truly valued and respected. 8. Participate in social, economic and public life. 9. Continue to learn, develop and work.

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

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

In December, a discussion document was presented to a half day consultation in cooperation with the LCDC.

A two day meeting was held in Trim Co Meath on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January for National Coordinators and this was very informative.

### **Archaeology.**

A conservation report for Killemlagh Church, The Glen, has just been completed. This report was part funded by the Heritage Council and assessed the structural integrity of the ruins and proposed a number of costed mitigation measures.

### **South and West Municipal District Local Area Plan.**

Preparation of a new planning policy framework the South and West Municipal District will commence beginning with a non-statutory pre-draft online survey to ascertain the public's perspectives and opinions in relation to settlements within the Municipal District. This survey will be open from the 9<sup>th</sup> of February to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2018 at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SouthandWest-LAP>

In addition members of the public will be invited to make written pre-draft submissions. Details and information regarding the online survey and how to make written submissions will be advertised in the week ending the 9<sup>th</sup> of February.

The preparation of the new planning policy framework for the South and West Municipal District will include:

- Preparation of a new South and West Municipal District Plan
- A Strategic Environmental Assessment.
- A Habitats Directive Assessment and
- A Strategic Flood Risk Assessment.

### **(b) Notice of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council in conjunction with the Gardai, the Joint Policing Committee, the Department of Justice, the Department with responsibility for Rural Affairs, Town Chambers, Tidy Towns, Community Councils, Community Groups, etc, initiate a Community CCTV Scheme throughout the county with cameras located at strategic locations, that will help as a deterrent to robberies and criminal activity, that will assist in the detection of crime/criminals and that will help reduce/prevent Anti Social Behaviour.

**Reply:** The JPC Crime Prevention and Response sub-committee intends to review and consider the design and specification for a county CCTV scheme in its 2018 action plan.

**Cllr. M. Cahill noted the reply and stated that he had previously raised this matter at the J.P.C. meeting. It is widely known how helpful CCTV is and said that in some locations, the crime rate has reduced significantly following the installation of these cameras. He said he believed that there is a requirement to install cameras in strategic locations for the health and safety of the public.**

**2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** What is the procedure for communities getting CCTV for their areas to deter and detect crime?

**Reply:** Communities should first contact Sgt Jim Foley, Crime Prevention officer in the Kerry Division. He can provide communities with details of the part-funded Dept of Justice CCTV capital scheme and of the approval process needed to advance any scheme.

The JPC is recommending to the Dept of Justice that the scheme and associated Commissioners approval be streamlined and made more accessible to community groups.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply and stated that CCTV is fantastic for detecting crime. He took the opportunity to commend Sgt Jim Foley who he stated has been very proactive on this issue.**

### **( C ) Questions**

**1. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** What is Kerry County Council doing to attract further tourists to the Ring of Kerry and Ring of Beara.

**Reply:** The Ring of Kerry and Ring of Beara form part of the new Wild Atlantic Way touring route which is being promoted aggressively by Kerry County Council in conjunction with Fáilte Ireland at home and Tourism Ireland abroad. The Ring of Kerry is an iconic route in its own right and resonates, in particular, with US and Continental European markets. Many of our major destinations, sites and attractions are located on the route - including Killarney, Kenmare, Sneem, Derrynane, Waterville, Cahersiveen, Glenbeigh, Rossbeigh and Killorglin; the historic sites of Ross Castle, Muckross House and Friary, Kenmare Stone Circle, Staigue Fort, Derrynane House, RIC Barracks in Cahersiveen, Kells Gardens, Ballymalis Castle to mention but a few; Blue Flag beaches like Derrynane, White Strand, Kells and Rossbeigh. The new Gold Tier International Dark Sky Reserve in SW Kerry straddles the Ring of Kerry route from Kells to Caherdaniel and the proposed new South Kerry Greenway as well as a range of other land and marine based activity products. All of these, both collectively and individually, are featured in our promotional material, electronic, digital and social media postings. The Ring of Kerry features prominently in all of our presentations to consumers, travel trade, media and Tourism Ireland events including, most recently, at CMT - the largest European travel trade fair - held in Stuttgart, Germany. We engage pro-actively with the Chambers of Tourism around the Ring and travel trade area are invited to participate in these promotions. The Chambers are represented on the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum and support is provided to these groups through the Council's Community Support Fund.

While the Ring of Beara is predominantly in County Cork, county boundaries are of little interest to overseas visitors,. Kerry County Council takes the view the Ring of Beara as an integral part of the wider Kerry and South-West suite of outdoor attractions. Recently Bonane Tourism participated on the Kerry Stand at the CMT travel fair in Stuttgart. The Tourism Unit is also working closely with Jim O'Sullivan and his Beara Tourism group on the promotion of the Beara-Breifni Way and with Operations we are currently investigating a connection off the route to Kenmare town.

The new Kerry brand - Kerry "Your Natural Escape" embraces virtually all that the Ring of Kerry (and Beara) has to offer.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen thanked the Tourism Unit for the very detailed response and stated that the Tourism Unit has proven to be a great success in promoting the county's tourist attraction. He stated that it is fantastic to see the Unit is growing from strength to strength.**

**(a) 26.01.18.03 To note update report from Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate**

**It was agreed to note the following report.**

### **Environmental Protection**

## **Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO**

### National Inspection Plan 2018-2021 for Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems (Septic Tanks)

The EPA has published the third National Inspection Plan for the period 2018-2021: Domestic Waste Water Treatment Systems Draft for Consultation.

The aim of the plan is to protect human health and water quality from risks posed by domestic waste water treatment systems. There are two strands to the plan.

- (1) Inspection System . Kerry County Council carry out an agreed number of inspections on an annual basis. An advisory notice is issued for the homeowner to undertake required remedial works within a specified timeframe, if the system fails the inspection.
- (2) Engagement Activities . Kerry County Council also provide information and advice to homeowners on how they can protect their health and that of their family, neighbours and environment from the risks posed by domestic waste water treatment systems.

The risk methodology used in previous plans has been updated to take account of the additional information gathered during the preparation of the River Basin Management Plan 2018-2021.

The new methodology will focus on higher numbers of inspections in at risk water bodies, within the identified Areas for Action+, where domestic wastewater treatment systems are known to be a significant pressure. The undertaking of remedial works in these areas provides the greatest potential for water quality improvements from the inspection process.

Kerry County Council will be responsible for the ongoing engagement with the public and communication at local level.

As members are aware, the National Grant Scheme available for up-grading of domestic wastewater treatment systems is currently limited to householders who have been issued with an advisory notice and has a number of strict eligibility criteria attached. Members have previously highlighted the need for some form of a broader grant scheme which would be available to householders for the up-grading of systems even in circumstances where the treatment system has not been the subject of an inspection under the National Inspection Plan. This is something that we have highlighted in the past and also intend to highlight again as part of this public consultation process.

Interested parties are being invited to provide suggestions during the public consultation period on ways to engage with householders to increase awareness around issues relation to the operation and maintenance of domestic waste water treatment systems.

Submissions on the consultation document can be made up to 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to [nipconsultation@epa.ie](mailto:nipconsultation@epa.ie)

## **Fire Services**

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

#### **Training**

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

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

#### **Community Fire Safety**

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

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

<b>FIRE OPERATIONS</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2016</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2017</b>	<b>Increase/Decrease</b>
Chimney Fires	123	108	<b>-12.20%</b>
Gorse Fires	161	174	8.07%
Other Fires	247	235	
<b>Total Fires</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>-2.64%</b>
Entrapment	18	12	<b>-33.33%</b>
Gas/Chemicals	5	2	<b>-60.00%</b>
Hazardous Substances Non-transit	1	1	0.00%
Machinery	1	2	100.00%
Miscellaneous	60	79	31.67%
Other rescue	26	32	23.08%
Water - Rescue/Removal	1	3	200.00%
Road traffic accident	135	131	<b>-2.96%</b>
Water pumping/flooding	10	11	10.00%
<b>Total Special Services</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>273</b>	6.23%
<b>Total False Alarms</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>-7.06%</b>
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>-1.04%</b>
<b>Total Number of Mobilisations</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>1155</b>	1.49%

### Fire Safety and Prevention:

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

#### 1. Building Control:

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

- 2.91 % in Disability Access Certificate applications and
- 13.2 % in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

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

## **Library Services**

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

### **3. ~ Strategy for Public Libraries 2018-2022: Public Consultation**

The public consultation for the new Public Libraries Strategy 2018-2022 is open until Thursday, 1 February. It can be accessed at [www.drcd.gov.ie](http://www.drcd.gov.ie)  
An overview document is also available.

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### **6. ~ Muinín Project**

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Kerry County Council was successful in 2017 in obtaining a " 7,000 grant from the Dept. of Children and Youth Affairs for Caherciveen Library to put in place a Play and Recreation Project [Muinín] aimed at teenagers.

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The project will involve two areas for development within the library (i) to provide a sustainable foundation for creative and recreational learning and (ii) support for STEM/STEAM recreational programming for children in the community. Equipment, including laptops, lego storyboards and related software has been purchased and the Project will be launched and come into operation in February 2018.

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## **Water**

### **Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme**

Achoimre Stádais ar an 18ú Eanáir 2018

Status Summary at 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018

#### **Funding Priorities for Capital Projects**

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

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

In Wastewater, priority will be given to towns (agglomerations) to which ECJ Rulings apply, and on meeting the requirements of the EPA Discharge Licences.

## IRISH WATER'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014-2016

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

### TIONSCNAIMH SOLÁTHAR UISCE I gCIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAM WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA

Project	Status
<b>Kenmare WSS</b>	Contractor Glan Agua commenced construction of the new " 2.8M water treatment plant at the existing reservoir site at Lissyclearig Upper in Kenmare in January 2017. The new works are currently being commissioned.
<b>Mountain Stage WSS</b>	Tenders have been received for a new <b>Water Treatment Plant</b> ; a Contractor is to be appointed in <b>the coming weeks</b> .
<b>Lauragh WTP</b>	Tenders have been received for a new <b>Water Treatment Plant</b> ; a Contractor is to be appointed in <b>the coming weeks</b> .

### TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAM WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA

Project	Status
<b>Castlemaine Waste Water</b>	A proposed <b>upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant</b> was approved by Irish Water in February 2015. A Consulting Engineer has been appointed and the job, estimated at <b>€1.3M</b> , is to go to <b>Tender in early 2018</b> .
<b>Kenmare WW</b>	The proposed <b>€10M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant</b> was approved by Irish Water in February 2015. A Consulting Engineer has been appointed and <b>Planning</b> Application is to be lodged in <b>the coming weeks</b> .
<b>Kilgarvan WW</b>	A proprietary package treatment plant was commissioned in 2015. Some necessary additional improvement works have been identified and a Design Report and an application for funding of " 400,000 were submitted to IW in August 2017.

## IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a Minor Capital Works Programme. This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works** which can be added to as the need arises. **Works of value €6.557m have been completed in the South and West Kerry Municipal District since 2014** and the list of **current** projects in this area for which Kerry County Council has applied under the Minor Capital Works Programme is outlined in the following table:

### MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREAS

Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Baile Mór WSS . <b>Burnham East</b>	Replace 980m of 90mm watermain	" 90,000	Completed
<b>MKRWSS Laune</b>	Replace 350M of	" 52,000	Completed

<b>View Killorglin</b>	100MM Cast Iron water mains		
An Mhín Aird Poc WSS	Replace 410M of 90MM watermain . N86 upgrade works at <b>Ballinasare</b>	" 35,000	Completed
Portmagee WSS <b>Knightstown</b>	Provision of Reservoir, 1830M rising Main and 650M distribution mains	" 275,000	Pipes laid and Site acquired; <b>Planning Application</b> to be submitted in coming weeks
<b>Kenmare WSS Templenoe</b>	Thread 60MM pipe through 2,250M of deficient 125MM watermain	<b>10. €30,000</b>	Underway
Cahersiveen Water Treatment Plant, <b>Coulagh</b>	Provide standby Ozone <b>Coulagh</b> WTP	" 65,000	Underway
Mid Kerry RWSS <b>Ballykissane</b>	Replace 1.1Km of 100MM	" 143,000	Underway by Contractor MEIC
<b>Portmagee, Baile Mór and Dún Chaoin</b> Water Treatment Plants	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tanks. ( <b>Baile Mór complete</b> )	" 30,000	Underway
<b>An Ghráig Cloichear</b> WSS	Replace 1400M of 100MM mains ( <b>800M done</b> )	" 140,000	Approved
<b>Dún Chaoin WSS</b>	Replace 850M of 110MM water main near the school ( <b>560M done 2016</b> )	" 95,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS <b>Shannera Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.55Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 202,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS <b>Cappagh North Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.75Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 228,000	Approved
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd</b>	Replace 820M of 300mm Trunk Main to Gap Cross	" 230,000	Approved
Mountain Stage WSS Glenbeigh <b>Droum</b>	Replace 750M of 100MM	" 98,000	<b>Contractor MEIC appointed</b>
Sneem WSS <b>Drimna</b> on N72	Replace 700 of 100MM	" 91,000	<b>Contractor MEIC appointed</b>
<b>Castlegregory WWTP</b>	Treatment Upgrade	" 300,000	Approved
<b>Baile an Fheirtéaraigh WWTP</b>	Upgrade Waste Water Treatment Plant	" 230,000	Approved
<b>An Daingean WSS</b>	Hospital Rd and Goat St; Replace 500M of 200MM main and 20 house connections	" 45,000	Approved

<b>An Mhuiríoch WSS Baile An Locaigh</b>	Replace 1335M of 50MM and 38MM mains with 80MM pipe	" 125,000	Approved
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd</b>	Replace 2.78Km of 300mm Trunk Main to Gap Cross	" 780,000	Requested
<b>MKRWSS – Callinafercy</b>	Replace 7KM of 100/80MM watermain	" 1,235,000	Requested
	<b>Total <u>APPROVED</u> Works to be done:</b>	<b>€2,504,000</b>	

	Scéimeanna RAL Schemes	Uasghrádú Up-Grade Works	Stádas Status
1	An Baile Breac	Provide Slow Sand Filter Water Treatment Plant	Completed
2	An Ceapaigh Thiar	Connect to An Clochán WTP	Completed
3	An Clochán	Provision of a WTP	Completed
4	An Daingean	Minor upgrade of existing WTP	Completed
5	An Fheothanach	Provision of a WTP	Completed
6	An Gleann WSS	Connect to Baile An Sceilg and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
7	An Mhín Aird No. 3	Provision of a WTP	Completed
8	An Mhín Aird No. 2	Connect to An Mhín Aird No.3 and decommission	Completed
9	An Mhín Aird No. 1	Provision of a WTP	Completed
10	An Mhuiríoch Baile Breac	Provision of a WTP	Completed
11	Annascaul WSS	Provision of a WTP (S.S.Fs.)	Completed
12	Aughacarla WSS	Provision of a WTP (S.S.Fs.)	Completed
13	Baile an Fheirtéaraigh	Provision of WTPs . 4 sites	Completed
14	Baile An Lochaigh	Connect An Mhuiríoch WSS and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
15	Baile an Sceilg	Connect to Waterville WSS and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
16	Baile Mór	Provision of a WTP (SSFs)	Completed
17	Baile Na bFhionn Úrach	Provision of a WTP	Completed
18	Breanlee	Provision of a WTP	Completed
19	Cahersiveen	Upgrade Works	Completed
20	Caherdaniel	Provision of a WTP	Completed
21	Camp	Provision of a WTP	Completed
22	Caragh Lake	Proposed upgrade to new WTP submitted to IW	<b>Underway</b>
23	Castlecove	Provision of a WTP	Completed
24	Castlegregory WSS	Provision of a WTP	Completed
25	Cé Bhréanainn	Provision of a WTP	Completed
26	Ceann Trá	Provision of a WTP	Completed
27	Cill Maoilchádair	Provision of a WTP	Completed
28	Dún Chaoin	Provision of a WTP	Completed
29	Emlaghpeasta	Provision of a WTP	Completed
30	Gleann Fán	Connect to Ceann Trá WSS and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
31	Glenbeigh	Connect Mountain Stage WSS; <b>decommission</b>	Completed
32	Inch	Minor upgrade of existing WTP	Completed
33	Kilgarvan	Provision of WTP	Completed
34	Lauragh	Up-grade existing WTP	<b>2018</b>
35	Lios Cearnaigh	Provision of a WTP	Completed
36	Málainn	Provision of a WTP	Completed
37	Mid Kerry – Gearha	Provision of a WTP	Completed
38	Milltown (Poulgorm)	Provision of a WTP at Knockavota reservoir	Completed
39	Mountain Stage WTP	Provision of a WTP	<b>2018</b>
40	Portmagee	Provision of new well sources and a WTP	Completed
41	Sneem	Provision of a WTP	Completed
42	Templenoë	Connect to Kenmare WSS; decommission	Completed

## **THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the Department Of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government. Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement. The funding for the Department's **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 - 2018** was announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

### **Takeover of Group Schemes**

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

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

**Funding has been allocated in the 2016-2018 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of Dawros (€100,000), Bonane (€70K), Kells (€50K), Muingaphuca (€50K) and Tuosist (€25K).**

New pump stations are to be provided in the coming weeks on the Dawros and Bonane schemes.

**The Dingle High Road Group Sewerage Scheme has been completed.**

**Mr. C Mangan referred members to the Water Service's report circulated to them in advance of the meeting. He advised them that the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant at Kenmare will commence in February 2018. The construction of a new Water Treatment Plant will also commence in Mountain Stage and Lauragh over the coming weeks.**

### **(b) Notices of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council take into consideration that Inch is one of the most popular beaches in the country and give it the investment it deserves by acquiring a site and providing a Carpark, Playground, Public Toilets and Showers as a matter of priority.

**Reply:** Expenditure of " 25,000 was incurred during 2017 in improving the access, parking and traffic management at Inch. In addition, two beach wardens were in place for the summer season to deal with traffic management and parking on the beach. As previously outlined, the Council have been trying for some time to identify a suitable location for parking but this has proven unsuccessful. In addition, much of the adjoining lands have designations attached to them. The upgrading of other facilities would have to be considered in the context of an overall plan for the beach and the likely financial implications involved. Our Tourism Strategy also includes a proposal to upgrade the facilities at Inch Beach subject to funding becoming available.

**Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response and stated, as Kerry is a premier tourism county and given the success and location of Inch beach, he believed that the council should be in a position to provide these facilities at Inch. He asked that the council would increase its efforts in acquiring land and consider the C.P.O. process if necessary.**

**In response, Mr. M. O. Donoghue stated that the council is very committed to the provision of facilities at Inch beach and has invested substantially in the area and would reject any comments that Inch is been neglected. He explained that Inch is an extremely sensitive location and given the existing environmental designations to carry out any works can be very complex. He again reiterated his comments that Kerry County Council is very committed to these facilities.**

**Mr. G. O. Brien** explained that Kerry County Council lease the land for this car park. However, during the summer months, the beach can become very busy attracting large numbers of cars to the area. He acknowledged that the council will never be in a position to provide a car park to facilitate these large numbers and added that the council is very fortunate that An Taisce has permitted the parking of cars on the beach. He assured the members that the council would continue their efforts to improve the facilities at Inch.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** wished to support the notice of motion. He welcomed An Taisce's decision to award the Blue flag while permitting car parking on the beach. He acknowledged that the council will never be able to provide a facility with sufficient car parking and asked that the council would concentrate on providing a playground and toilets at this location.

**Cllr. M O' Shea** stated that the council previously held discussions with the adjoining landowner and asked that the council would re-enter negotiations with this landowner. He also took the opportunity to thank the staff of Kerry County Council and in particular the Area Engineer **Mr. C Nagle** for maintaining the area to a very high standard.

**2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** Kilgarvan needs its waste water treatment system upgraded, when will this be done?

**Reply:** A substantial upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment System in Kilgarvan was completed in 2015. The new biological treatment unit is operating satisfactorily.

The need for further improvements to ancillary elements of the plant is being assessed and any necessary improvements will be subject to the availability of resources, in future programmes.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen** noted the reply and said he was calling on the provision of an adequate wastewater treatment system for Kilgarvan and asked did the council envisage that an upgraded scheme would be installed.

In response, **Mr. C Mangan** stated that the Council is satisfied that an adequate treatment system is now in place. Irish Water have acknowledged that other ancillary works are required, and these are currently being assessed.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** asked for confirmation that no raw sewerage is entering the river from this treatment plant.

**Mr. C Mangan** confirmed that recent checks have confirmed that the newly improved waste water treatment plant is operating well and that there is now no trace of pollution near the plant outfall in the river

**3. Cllr. N Moriarty:** Can we have an update on the number of group water schemes in the county that need to be taken in charge and details on how they are listed and an estimate of time frames for completion of the taking in charge process.

**Reply:** There are currently 70No. Group Schemes, the vast majority of which are served by public water mains, which have applied to be taken over.

No Group Water Scheme in Kerry has been taken over since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014, the date that Irish Water came into possession of the public Water Services. Immediately prior to that date, the Council took over 38No. GWSSs, in December 2013.

In 2017 Irish Water published its **Take Over** protocol, in which there are stringent standards relating to the quality of the pipes and fittings, maximum levels of leakage, site acquisition, wayleaves, and Scheme finances.

A number of GWSSs have been taken over by Irish Water in 2016 and 2017 in other counties. Four relatively large GWSSs . Bonane, Rossdohan, Tuosist and Dawros - are currently being prepared by KCC for recommendation to IW to take over these schemes. It is the Council's intention that these Take-Overs will be completed in the coming year.

**Cllr. N Moriarty referred to the reply and asked, of the remaining number of group Schemes to be taken over, is there a priority list and if so will each Group Scheme know where it is positioned on this list.**

**Mr. C. Mangan replied the Take-Over process is onerous. Many schemes have significant deficits both in their pipes infrastructure (extensive works required) and paperwork. The only List is that of Bonane, Rossdohan, Tuosist, Dawros and Brosna-Knocknagoshel, because these are the only five schemes which may be ready for Take-over this year.**

**4. Cllr. M O' Shea:** To ask that IW would avail of the opportunity to lay a sewer pipe between (Details with Directorate) at Garrie na Dur, Lispole to the School entrance

**Reply:** Irish Water's policy in relation to sewer extensions is that the Utility will not provide (or extend) sewer services to unconnected sites, or to properties with private water supplies or sewerage facilities, except at the expense of the property owners and / or on foot of new Connection Agreements. Essentially, all such extensions will be 'developer financed'. While there is currently a major roads improvement job underway at this location in Garraí Na dTor, the Irish Water **Connections and Developer Services Office** has noted that it has received no private connection applications or enquiries for the area to date, and also that there are no relevant Planning Applications.

**Cllr M. O. Shea said that he raised this matter with the Water Services Department, as he believed this is an ideal opportunity to extend the sewer pipe while the current road works are ongoing. This opportunity should not be missed, as it would prevent additional works, if housing is constructed in the future.**

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald wished to support the notice of motion and move Question no 1 as follows. He stated that extending the sewer pipe would be a huge benefit down the line and was calling on the council to extend the pipe.**

**1. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** *Is there any update on the request which was made to Irish Water to extend the public sewer from Lispole School to Garraí na dTor?*

**Reply:** *Irish Water's policy in relation to sewer extensions is that the Utility will not provide (or extend) services to unconnected sites, or to properties with private water supplies or sewerage facilities, except at the expense of the property owners and / or on foot of new Connection Agreements. Essentially, all such extensions will be 'developer financed'. While there is currently a major roads improvement job underway at this location in Lios Póil, which presents an opportunity to construct the sewer without road reinstatement costs, the Irish Water **Connections and Developer Services Office** has also noted that it has received no private connection applications or enquiries for the area to date, and nor are there any relevant Planning Applications to hand.*

**Mr. M O' Donoghue** stated that the council has raised this matter with Irish Water and they have advised that it is not part of their plans to extend the sewer pipe at this location. He undertook to convey the views of the members to Irish Water.

**Mr. C. Mangan** stated that Irish Water is putting its resources into existing water schemes.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald** said he was calling on T.I.I. to extend the pipes or provide the funding to carry out the works. The extension of the pipe would be hugely beneficial to any future development in the area and prevent any unnecessary works, which may prove to be very costly.

**5. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask the Manager of the South & West Municipal District to seek clarification from the EPA to the exact location of the dumping of silt from Dingle Harbour to be disposed off Dunsheen Head.

**Reply:** The query appears to relate to an application by the Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine for a Dumping-at-Sea Licence (Licence Ref. S0029-01) for dredge material from a project in Dingle Harbour. Applications of this type are dealt with by the Environmental Protection Agency and it is our understanding that the licence in question has been granted by the Agency. Details of the application, including maps of the proposed dump-site etc., can be viewed on the EPA's website at the following link : <http://www.epa.ie/terminalfour/DaS/DaS-view.jsp?regno=S0029-01>. However, if required direct contact can be made with the Agency with regard to clarification on the site in question.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea** stated that he was raising the matter on behalf of the residents and the fishermen who have expressed concerns, that during high tides the material may back up in the bedding area, posing a threat to the lobster fishing in the area.

**Mr. M O' Donoghue** undertook to raise the members concerns with the EPA.

**6. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would request Irish water to relay the pipe in Carnahone Beaufort which is consistently bursting.

**Reply:** There have been numerous incidents of burst pipes on this 1.7Km long, 80MM diameter pumped water main, which serves 25 customers/connections on elevated ground south of Kissanecross. The main was laid by Carhoonahone Group Water Scheme in 2000 and taken over by the Council in 2009.

The Council will make a submission for funding to upgrade the pipe line to Irish Water.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** welcomed the response and asked that a strong submission would be made to Irish Water to upgrade the pipeline. He acknowledged the level of work already carried out by Irish Water in Mid -Kerry but stated that the pipe at Carnahone is very troublesome.

### ( c ) Questions

**1. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Is there any update on the request which was made to Irish Water to extend the public sewer from Lispole School to Garraí na dTor?

**Reply:** Irish Water's policy in relation to sewer extensions is that the Utility will not provide (or extend) services to unconnected sites, or to properties with private water supplies or sewerage facilities, except at the expense of the property owners and / or on foot of new Connection Agreements. Essentially, all such extensions will be developer financed. While there is currently a major roads improvement job underway at this location in Lios Póil, which presents an opportunity to construct the sewer without road reinstatement costs, the Irish Water **Connections and Developer Services Office** has also noted that it has received no private connection applications or enquiries for the area to date, and nor are there any relevant Planning Applications to hand.

**2. Cllr. D. Quigg:** Is it possible to find a more suitable location than the Carpark in the Centre of Killorglin Town for recycling Bins.?

**Reply:** No issues have been highlighted to the Council in respect of the current location of the Bottle Banks in Killorglin Town. The current location is very safe and convenient for the members of the public who use them. There is also CCTV in place and there is very little illegal dumping reported at this location. The Council would not be in favour of relocating them to a new location. If the issue relates to one of appearance, we can certainly discuss this with the local Tidy Towns Group to see if any improvements can be carried out to address their concerns.

**Cllr. D. Quigg stated that the locals are not happy with the current location of the recycling bins.**

**Mr. G. O' Brien stated that the council will liaise with the Tidy Town Group regarding this matter. He explained that in previous incidents, where the council has erected timber framing around bottle banks, it has presented its own problems such as illegal dumping.**

**Mr. B. Hickey AE undertook to liaise with the Tidy Towns Group regarding the matter.**

**Cllr. D. Quigg asked that additional signage would be erected.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue replied that the council will liaise with the Tidy Towns Committee.**

#### **26.01.18.04 Housing and Corporate Services Directorate**

4 (a) To note the update from the Housing Directorate Report  
It was agreed to note the following report.

### **Housing Report – South & West**

#### **Municipal District.**

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

## 1 Housing Applications

	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	885
Net Need for S&W MD (excluding transfers)	730
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	186
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	178

## 2 Void Management

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	0
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	14
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	1
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	0
<b><u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u></b>	<b><u>15</u></b>

## 3 Social Housing Options

<b>Social Housing Options in MD</b>	<b>New tenancies since the start of the year</b>	<b>Current No of tenancies</b>
LA Housing	69	1000
RAS	7	146
Leasing	12	78
HAP	44	44
<b><u>Total no of Tenancies</u></b>	<b><u>132</u></b>	<b><u>1268</u></b>

#### 4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Infill Sites, Milltown	8	4 No. three bedroom & 4 No. two bedroom units, two storey.	April 2018	Feb. 2019
Ardmoniel, Killorglin	14	Two bedroom units, two storey.	June 2018	June 2019
SRD at Tullig Beg	1	Three bedroom, single storey	April 2018	Feb. 2019
SRD at Meanus, Killorglin	1	Three bedroom, single storey	May 2018	Mar. 2019
SRD at Owngarry, Killorglin	1	Four bedroom, single storey	June 2018	April 2019
SRD at Ballinakilly Lower, Glenbeigh	1	Three bedroom, single storey	July 2017	May 2019

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
STD at Milltown	1	Three bedroom, single storey	Nov. 2017	Sept. 2018
SRD at Ventry	1	Three bedroom, single storey	Nov. 2017	Sept. 2018
Kenmare	22	12 No. three bedroom & 10 No. two bedroom units, two storey	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018

## House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Glenbeigh	1	2 bed	March 2017
Killorglin	1	3 bed	Sept 2017
Caherciveen	1	2 bed	Sept 2017
Milltown (Turnkey)	2	4 bed	Sept. 2017
Caherciveen	1	3 bed	Nov. 2017
Milltown (Turnkey)	2	4 bed	Nov. 2017
Killorglin	1	4 bed	Dec. 2017
Waterville	1	3 bed	Dec. 2017
Killorglin	1	3 bed	Dec. 2017
Legal formalities are ongoing in relation to the purchase of 3 further houses and 9 through turnkey in the S&W M.D.			

### **5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 918, No. requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

### **6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 110 No. grants have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

### **7 Bedroom Extensions**

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

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

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

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

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

## **9 Annual Count Of Traveller Families 2017 And Their Accommodation Position.**

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

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

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

### **(b) Notice of Motions for Housing & Corporate Services.**

**1. Cllr. M O' Shea:** To ask when will the Social Housing Scheme consisting of 8 houses commence in Milltown.

**Reply:** The construction of 8 Social Housing Units in Milltown is proposed to commence in August 2018 and it's anticipated date of completion is August 2019.

**Cllr. M O' Shea noted the response and stated that there is substantial demand for these houses.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that the construction of these houses was initially to commence in October 2017 and asked that the council would give a commitment that construction will commence in August 2018.**

**In response, Mr. M. O' Donoghue replied that currently the project commencement date is August 2018.**

**2. Cllr. M O' Shea:** To ask what is the up-to-date position between Kerry County Council and the HSE with the old Dingle Hospital and lands in view of alternative accommodation.

**Reply:** As previously advised the Council met with the HSE in relation to the use of their Landbank for Housing. As part of this the potential of this site was considered. At the time it was decided that the nature and scale of any proposal for reuse as social housing would be prohibitive.

The Council is aware that the location is currently under consideration and assessment for other uses.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea** said that he has previously raised this matter and suggested that the provision of social housing would be considered on other vacant state-owned land in the county. There is a chronic housing crisis in Dingle and said that he previously suggested that floating accommodation would be considered for housing. Dingle is one of the worst black spots for housing in the county and the problem now exists, where many people have been awarded HAP (Housing Assistance Payments), and are unable to source private accommodation in the town.

**Mr. M O' Donoghue** stated that the council has met with the H.S.E. regarding the use of their Landbank portfolio and explained that this building requires substantial investment. He acknowledged that there is a considerable shortage of accommodation in Dingle. Currently a feasibility study is being carried out in the town. A number of new schemes are being advanced by the Department, such as the introduction of the Housing Loan scheme. He advised the members that a comprehensive update will be presented at the February full council meeting.

#### **26.01.18.05 Operations Health & Safety Directorate**

##### **5 (a) To note update report from the Operations, Health & Safety Directorate**

It was agreed to note the following report.

#### **1. Roads / Transportation**

##### **Design and Construction works on the following projects over the next two months**

#### **National Roads**

##### **National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Realignment - Design**

###### N70 Kilderry Bends -2018 Allocation- " 0.5M:-

- Land Acquisition is progressing well.
- Archaeological testing commenced in August and will run until the end of February 2018.
- The Construction Contract was awarded in December 2017 and the Contractor (Sorensens) has commenced in January 2018.

###### N70 Sneem to Blackwater Bridge (Ankail to Doon) Road Project -2018 Allocation- " 100k:-

- It is anticipated that the EIS will be published in Q2 2018, subject to TII approval.

###### N70 Glanbehy Bridge Improvement Scheme - 2018 Allocation " 100k:-

- Three options have been identified and are being appraised.
- Consultation will take place on the proposals in Q1 2018.

###### N70 Creamery Cross

- Consultation on the proposals will take place in Q1 2018.

- The Part 8 process will commence in Q1 2018.

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack

- The preliminary design for road widening improvements including a footpath and footbridge is advancing. Consultation on the proposals will take place shortly.
- The Part 8 process will commence in Q1 2018.

N70 Brackaharagh and Derreenafoyle

- The preliminary design for road improvements at these locations are being advanced.
- Environmental Screening for Brackaharagh has been completed and it has been determined that EIS and AA are not required. Part 8 will be published in Q1 2018 subject to necessary approvals.

Kerry Cork and Clare Bridge Rehabilitation- 2018 Allocation " 0.3M

Rehabilitation Contract A

- Works at N70 Inny Bridge are substantially complete.

N70 Ballynamona Upper Bridge Widening

- Tender Documents have been published in December 2017 with works to be completed in 2018.

N72 Pavement Improvements and Road widening between Killorglin Bridge and Anglont

- A preliminary design is being developed to carryout pavement strengthening as well as providing a footpath/cycle track along this 2.3km section of road. Land requirements and constraints are being examined before consultation takes place in early 2018.

**National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works – Road Widening and Realignment - Construction**

N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp -2018 Allocation- " 0.5M:-

- Contract 1: Construction is ongoing and progressing well. The installation of the main structures is complete and on-line works are ongoing. The road at Banogue will be diverted shorted to allow the main embankment will be infilled in the coming month.
- Land Acquisition for the remainder of the scheme is ongoing.

N86 Ballynasare and Ballygarret -2018 Allocation- " 0.2M:

A consultant will be appointed in Q1 2018 to prepare the detailed design and Contract Documents for this next phase of the N86.

**National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works  
Pavement overlay and associated works**

**Status of Projects at Construction Stage**

<i>Road No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
N70	Carhan to Deelis Bridge	3,200	" 2,022,977	Contract awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Works are nearing completion.

**Status of Projects at Pre-Construction Stage**

<i>Road</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Comment</i>
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<b>No.</b>		<b>(m)</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	
N70	Dromavally to Mill Road, Killorglin.	1,300	" 100,000	A Section 38 statutory process has been completed in relation to proposed safety improvement works at 4 locations on this scheme. The scheme may proceed to tender within the next two weeks.
N70	Dromquinna	500	" 600,000	
<b><u>Status of Projects at Design Stage</u></b>				
N70	Waterville to River Inny Bridge	6,000	" 3,500,000	A preliminary design is being developed to carry out pavement strengthening on this section of the Ring of Kerry.

**National Secondary Safety Schemes**

- N71 Killarney Road, Kenmare . This section of road has now been identified for further examination under Transport Infrastructure Ireland's HD15 Network Safety Ranking process. A Feasibility Report has been requested and will be prepared by the Road Design Office.

## Regional and Local Roads

### Restoration Improvement Programme Restoration Maintenance Programme Bridge Programme Safety Works

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

### Specific Improvement Grants

<i>Description</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
Realignment of the L-11653, Low Road at Rossbeigh	Awaiting 2018 DTTAS Grant Announcement	The Contract has been awarded to Griffin Brothers Contracting Ltd., Castleisland.  The construction of the new road link is continuing.
Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 4	Awaiting 2018 DTTAS Grant Announcement	The land necessary to construct this scheme has been acquired by agreement through the co-operation of the landowners along the route.  The Council will have made an application to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for funding under the Specific Improvement Grant to enable the construction phase to commence as soon as possible.

## Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

### Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Clár

An update in relation to the works scheduled to be carried out over the next two months under the above programmes is included in Appendix A.

### Car Park Development

*The Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the enhancement and extension of St. Mary's Car Park, Green Street, Dingle-Daingean Uí Chúis will be considered by the Members at the MD meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2017.*

### All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

## 2. Other Operational Matters

### Piers and Harbours Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2018

An announcement from The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine(DAFM) in relation to funding for 2018 will be made later in the year.

DAFM will fund 75% of the total project costs with the remaining 25% to be funded from the Councils own resources.

### Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

*No. of faults reported since last meeting: 45*

*No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 31*

*No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 6*

*Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days – list below*

<b>GENERAL LOCATION</b>	<b>ROAD/ADDRESS</b>	<b>POLE NO.</b>	<b>FAULT STATUS/ DESCRIPTION</b>
<i>Kenmare</i>	<i>The Square</i>	<i>5381</i>	<i>Waiting delivery of special materials</i>
<i>Kenmare</i>	<i>Bellheight</i>	<i>5555</i>	<i>Access to private lands required</i>
<i>Caherciveen</i>	<i>Carhan Road</i>	<i>4626</i>	<i>Civil works required</i>
<i>Caherciveen</i>	<i>Carhan Road</i>	<i>4643</i>	<i>Fault being investigated -non routine</i>

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Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

## APPENDIX A

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure / Clar / Town and Village Renewal . Grant Funded by Department of Rural and Community Development  
Schemes currently being advanced by Operations

Rural Recreation Projects funded and description		Grant aid received	Expected date of completion of project	Notes
Killorglin	Killorglin Loop Walk Development	" 120,000 + " 100,000 from TII	Q2, 2018	Scheme has been extended significantly and now incorporates a TII Safety Scheme at Laharan.
Milltown	Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail	" 100,000	Q3, 2018	Grant announced this month
Caragh Lake	Caragh Lake Amenity Development	" 100,000	Q3, 2018	Grant announced this month which provides for upgrade of the public right of way to the lake and funding for a study in relation to provision of a Pier and Slipway.

CLÁR Measure 1 (CLÁR Safety package for Schools/Community Facilities)		Grant Aid received	Expected date of completion of project	Notes
Road Markings /Warning Signs	Cahir National School	" 10,000	End Q1	
Road Markings /Warning Signs	Scoil Naomh Micheal (Sneem)	" 30,000	End Q1	

### 5(b) Notice of Motions

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council, the Road Design Office and Transport Infrastructure Ireland expedite consultation with landowners for the acquisition of lands for a new footpath from Killorglin Town out to the old Liebig Factory and that the Planning and Design of pavement improvement works include the provision of a Cycleway facility between Killorglin and Anglont, as this will greatly benefit the 300 plus jobs and the new Killorglin Centre of Excellence that will be located at this facility which was recently acquired by FEXCO."

**REPLY:** The planning and design of this scheme on the N72 National Secondary Road is underway and will benefit from the " 150,000 of funding allocated by TII for 2018. The consultation process for this scheme will commence in Q1 of 2018.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and thanked the Operation's staff for the number of significant projects delivered in the area to date. This new facility will be a significant economic boost to Killorglin. He asked that a timeframe for the works would be provided.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council give a detailed progress report in respect of numerous previous requests to address the chronic traffic situation as a matter of extreme urgency at Langford Street, Killorglin in the vicinity of "Scamps and Scholars" before a child is seriously injured or killed and that the significant increase in traffic attending this preschool, Killorglin Sports Complex, Killorglin Community College, FEXCO along with all other businesses and the large number of Housing Estates in the area, be taken into consideration.

**REPLY:** This location was submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in October of last year for funding under the Regional and Local Road Safety Works Grant. The announcement of 2018 funding from the Department is expected shortly.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and stated that it is critical that safety works are carried out at this location**

**Cllr. D. Quigg wished to second the notice of motion and said that he has previously allocated towards works on this road through his CSMDOF allocation.**

**3. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the Office of Public Works prioritise by providing the necessary funding to immediately address in 2018 the very serious ongoing flooding problem that has been the subject of a Deputation and numerous "Notice of Motions" at Valentia Road, Caherciveen as this is most unjust and unacceptable for the residents and property owners, that have to endure this major flooding crisis on a regular basis."

**REPLY:** The Flood Analysis Report commissioned from Malachi Walsh and Partners Consulting Engineers for the Valentia Rd in Caherciveen has proven very difficult to develop, given the constraints of the area. The original stream was piped and built over as part of the commercial development in the area. This private storm pipe was then replayed to the side of the hotel development and it is this pipe (on private property) which is the primary cause for concern with regards flooding on the Valentia Rd. As indicated at the November meeting, the main challenge is to find a route for a new storm sewer that can be accommodated without clashing with existing services, for example the main sewer running east to west on the N70 between the hotel and the supermarket, and can be tied into existing drainage network. The consultants have investigated several options with regards routes, but none are proving straightforward. A further revised draft of this flood Analysis is expected to be ready this week. Subject to these findings, we are not at present able to say whether a viable working solution can be developed, that we could take to both the private property owners on whose lands any works will have to take place, or to the OPW for funding and approval etc.

**Cllr. M. Cahill expressed concerns that the matter is ongoing for a considerable amount of time.**

**Mr. P. Teahan replied that it is very challenging to find a suitable solution.**

**4. Cllr. J Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would repair the footpath from Killowen into Kenmare town.

**REPLY:** This project can be considered for funding in the 2018 Footpath Improvement Programme or alternatively funded via CSMDOF.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that substantial works are required to repair this footpath. He requested that the council would consider commencing a Footpath Improvement Programme for Kenmare Town.**

**5. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Can Kerry County Council enquire if the relevant agencies would clean the Milltown River from Milltown Bridge outwards towards Kilfountain.

**REPLY:** The current position regarding river drainage known as arterial drainage is that the Council has responsibility for the maintenance of one drainage network in the South and West Kerry Municipal District at Lough Gill, with the Office of Public Works having responsibility for maintenance of the River Maine along with some of its tributaries.

The maintenance of all other open drains, streams and rivers is currently the responsibility of the adjoining landowners known as the riparian owners; this also applies to the Milltown River.

**6. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council renew the cat's eyes on the Conor Pass road from Dingle to Kilmore Cross.

**REPLY:** The Council will replace the road studs on the immediate summit of the Conor Pass over a distance of approximately 500m in Q1, 2018.

**7. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Is there any update on the funding for the Carrigaha Road at Aughacasla, Castlegregory.?

**REPLY:** This road is not included on the current Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme. It will, however, be considered for inclusion in the next programme.

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald noted the response and asked that the road would be considered for inclusion in the next programme.**

**8. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council extend the public lighting as far as the Sruthán Beag Housing Estate at the Spa Road, Dingle.

**REPLY:** Work has commenced on installing public lighting on a substantial section of the remaining unlit footpath along the L-12071 between the Hillgrove Hotel and Cois Cnoic housing estate. Upon

completion, the route can be assessed with a view to identifying any further public lighting requirements, if any, in accordance with the adopted Public Lighting Policy.

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald welcomed the response.**

**9. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please carry out extensive footpath repairs in Graveyards throughout the Municipal District.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council regularly inspect the Graveyards within the Municipal District and carry out ongoing maintenance to the footpaths involving repair or replacement of footpaths where necessary within these Graveyards. This work will continue through 2018 to the extent allowed by the adopted budget.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen stated that the footpaths are in a terrible condition and requested that a survey of all graveyards within the Municipal District would be completed. The condition of the footpath can be a particular concern for elderly people whose footing may be unstable.**

**10. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please request TII to improve safety on the N71 at the junction towards Ballinskelligs in Waterville.

**REPLY:** This junction will fall within the scope of the pavement scheme on the N70 National Secondary Road for which " 3.5m of funding has recently been allocated by Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The scheme design will examine what safety enhancements may be required at the junction.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the positive response and stated that it is vital that the junction is included as a part of the over all pavement scheme.**

**11.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council acquire extra ground at the junction at Ardea, Tuosist to improve safety for road users, currently it is a very busy and dangerous junction.

**REPLY:** This location can be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvement Grant for Regional and Local Roads.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen explained that there is a National School, Post Office and Community Centre located at this junction. He asked that land would be acquired on the left hand side of the junction to improve site distance.**

**12. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please provide monies for the surfacing of the Golf Club road and car park, Kenmare which is also being used by tourists and locals accessing Reenagross Amenity Park.

**REPLY:** The Council has a right of way over this road to provide access to Reenagross Park. The estimated cost of repairing and surface dressing the road is " 28,000. A mechanism to fund the cost of resurfacing the road, for example, through the Clar programme can be considered over the course of 2018.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen explained that all members of this Municipal District received a letter from Kenmare Golf Club regarding the condition of the road. Kerry County Council have a right of Way over this road, which the public use to access Reenagross Park. The road is in a shocking state and asked that the council would consider carrying out improvement works to the road.**

**Mr. P. Teahan stated that the council is currently trying to source a funding mechanism for the road. He confirmed that he has spoken to the Golf Club regarding the matter.**

**Cllr N. Moriarty moved Q 19 as follows which had the same reply. She asked that the council would consider applying for funding through a Sports Capital Grant.**

**19. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** *Can we examine all possible avenues of funding supports to resurface the access road to Reenagross amenity park through Kenmare Golf Course?*

**13. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council put a Footpath in Place at Parc Na Gloine Kenmare as a matter of urgency as this is now a grave Health and Safety concern for pedestrians.

**REPLY:** There is land acquisition required to construct this footpath on the N70 National Secondary Route. The Council will seek to acquire these lands by agreement and also seek to source funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland as part of the Council's Footpath Improvement Programme for 2018.

**Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the response.**

**14: Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council hire a private clamping company and impose High penalties, to deal with the continuous and blatant illegal parking problem at the Bus Stop in Killorglin or Move it to a different location where there is no risk of injury or loss of life to pedestrians using the Bus service, the current situation cannot continue.

**REPLY:** The Council is aware of the difficulties being created, due to illegal parking at the bus stop in Killorglin.

The issue was raised at the recent Joint Policing Committee meeting in Killorglin, where a commitment was given by the Council and An Garda Siochana to target this area for enforcement, particularly around the scheduled bus departures/arrivals, including outside normal working hours.

**Cllr. D. Quigg said that he had raised this issue at the J.P.C. meeting in Killorglin. The problem at this location is caused by the illegal parking of cars. He proceeded to read a letter he received from a woman, whose sister is visually impaired and can struggle to find the road markings when she gets off the bus due to the number of cars parked there illegally. He stated that this is a very serious health and safety issue and asked that Kerry County Council would consider the erection of electronic bollards to eradicate the problem. He said he would be willing to allocate towards the works, through his CSMDOF if permitted. If Killorglin wants Universal Access recognition, this matter will have to be addressed in the long-term plan for the town.**

**Mr. P. Teahan** replied that he has met with the woman in question and the tactile pavement meets her particular requirements. He confirmed that coloured surfacing will be erected at the bus stop for additional measures. These works are weather dependent and can only be completed in dry weather. The council will continue to work closely with the Gardai and will increase its out of hour's enforcement.

**Cllr. D. Quigg** requested that additional signage would be erected.

**Mr. P. Teahan** replied that the coloured surfacing is the most effective.

**Cllr. M. Cahill** wished to support the notice of motion and welcomed the additional measures been introduced and said that hopefully, the coloured surfacing will discourage people from parking there.

**15: Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council provide signage at Gillounagillagh School Caragh Lake directing people to the location of the Public Right of Way down to the Lake on the Killorglin to Caragh Lake Road.

**REPLY:** The Department of Community and Rural Development has allocated a sum of " 100,000 to upgrade the public right of way to Caragh Lake and to undertake a study in relation to provision of a pier and slipway. The application submitted to the Department also provided for the provision of signage to indicate the location of the public right of way. These works will be completed this year as part of the Service Delivery Plan of the Operations Directorate.

**Cllr. D. Quigg** welcomed the response.

**16: Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council provide public Lighting at Knocklyne Killorglin where the new overlay has recently occurred.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council will assess this location in compliance with our Public Lighting Policy. The provision of this lighting will be assessed having regard to the following criteria; (a) recorded pedestrian volumes at the location during the hours of darkness, (b) recorded traffic volumes at the location during the hours of darkness, (c) Accident records and (d) Garda records on criminal activity.

**Cllr. D. Quigg** welcomed the response and stated that the provision of one or two lights would make have a significant difference to the area.

**17: Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council carry out a full survey/ investigation into the structural cracks in a number of our Housing Units within Banshagh estate Killorglin where people have had to be moved from their homes as a result.

**REPLY:** The residents of one property were relocated from An Bhansagh Estate due to a structural issue. The damage is currently being assessed by the Council's insurers and remedial works will be concluded in the near future. A visual inspection is due to be carried out on all properties in the estate.

**Cllr. D. Quigg** asked for an update on the extent of the damages to the house and said that local rumours have stated that the house is sinking.

In response **Mr. M. O. Donoghue** stated that the property is still been assessed. It does not appear to be a wider problem in the estate and at this point the technical assessment is that the issue is confined to one property.

**18. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council to consider putting traffic calming measures on the roundabout at the Lansdowne Hotel, Kenmare on the approach from Post Office side.

**REPLY:** Transport Infrastructure Ireland have detailed procedures which they use to identify locations that require traffic calming on the national road network.

This location on the N71 National Secondary Road has not been identified by TII under its Safety Ranking Process and as there are no road traffic accidents recorded at this location the Council is not in a position to request that TII consider such a scheme.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy** explained that the traffic does not appear to slow down when entering the roundabout on the right hand side and asked that Kerry County Council would request T.I.I. to enforce traffic calming measures at this location.

**19. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council to seek immediate funding for the Goulone/Slievaduff road, Blackwater.

**REPLY:** This road is not included on the current Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme. It will, however, be considered for inclusion in the next programme.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy** also moved notice of motion no 20. He stated that both of these forestry access roads are in a terrible condition, and requested that the roads would be repaired following the felling of the forestry. He referred to a previous funding scheme in place where funding was made available to repair forestry access road.

**Mr. P. Teahan** explained that this was the CLÁR and Coillte scheme, where 75% was funded by CLÁR and 25% by Coillte.

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald** proposed that a letter would issue to Department of Culture, Heritage & The Gaeltacht requesting that the scheme would be re-instated.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht.

**20. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council to seek immediate funding for the Dromtine road, Sneem.

**REPLY:** This road is not included on the current Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme. It will, however, be considered for inclusion in the next programme.

**21. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council to consider introducing a system whereas a scheme using Councillor allocation is not going ahead, that we be told by the 1st November that the money is not being spent on the scheme and we can reallocate?

**REPLY:** A Hardship and Emergency Local Improvement Scheme did not go ahead in 2017 and as a result it is acknowledged that the members had to re-allocate at the end of the year. This was an exceptional circumstance and furthermore, there was legal correspondence exchanged in relation to the matter which had to be concluded prior to the funds being made available for re-allocation.

**22. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council will they be taking on extra road staff this year?

**REPLY:** Similar to previous years, the Council will be hiring seasonal staff to complete the Service Delivery Plan of the Operations Directorate. To facilitate these arrangements we are presently undertaking a recruitment competition for Temporary General Operatives in the Kenmare Area.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that the council is currently down to minimal staffing levels and asked that extra staff would be recruited. With health and safety regulations, four to five staff are now required to carry out works that previously may have taken only one staff member.**

**Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that the recruitment of staff is determined by the level of road grants received. He confirmed that a panel will be formed for the Kenmare Area.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill asked if recruitment panels are in place for other areas.**

**Mr M. O' Donoghue replied that there are existing panels in other areas.**

**23. Cllr. N Moriarty:** That a public light be placed at Aughtatubrid National School as this is a centre for the local community used by day and night. The lack of public lighting is a serious health and safety issue.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council can, in compliance with the Public Lighting Policy, provide Aughtatubrid N.S. with lighting units funded under Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund. The facility operators will be responsible for all installation costs, operational costs and future maintenance costs.

**Cllr. N Moriarty asked is the school liable for the costs.**

**In response, Mr. P. Teahan replied that the school would be responsible for all costs.**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty asked that an estimate for the works would be prepared.**

**24. Cllr. N Moriarty:** That we commit to making an application for Town & Village Renewal Funding to develop adequate car parking spaces at Caherdaniel. Much preparatory work has been carried out here and sites are identified.

**REPLY:** This location in Caherdaniel can be considered for a funding submission under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme when the Department of Rural and Community Development next invite such submissions from Local Authorities.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty asked that the council would prioritise this project for funding.**

**Mr. P. Teahan replied that the council will consider submitting a funding application for this group when the next round of submissions are invited.**

**25. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that immediate infrastructural works be carried out on the N70 between Kilderry Woods and Tythers Bend for approx 150m.

**REPLY:** As the N70 Kilderry Bends Improvement Scheme has commenced construction this month, only standard patching works funded by national secondary ordinary maintenance will now be undertaken on this section of the existing road which will be by-passed by the new road alignment.

**26. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Has Kerry County Council done anything with regard to cleaning the River Laune which is causing serious flooding to land owners.

**REPLY:** The current position regarding river drainage known as arterial drainage is that the Council has responsibility for the maintenance of one drainage network in the South and West Kerry Municipal District at Lough Gill, with the Office of Public Works having responsibility for maintenance of the River Maine along with some of its tributaries.

The maintenance of all other open drains, streams and rivers is currently the responsibility of the adjoining landowners known as the riparian owners; this also applies to the River Laune.

**Cllr. J Healy-Rae highlighted that the problem with this river is that the silt and gravel has accumulated along the riverbed into Beaufort. He requested that a letter would issue to the OPW, asking if they plan on carrying out any works to the River Laune. Historically landowners cleaned the rivers but this is no longer permitted.**

**It was agreed that a letter would issue to the OPW, highlighting the members concerns.**

**27. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would widen the road Over the Water after the Castlequinn bend at the entrance to (Details with Directorate).

**REPLY:** There would be significant works involved in widening this section of the Local Road (L-4006) in Castlequin, Cahersiveen. The Council does not have a funding stream available to carry out road widening of this scale on the regional and local road network at present.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae explained that the exit to this property is located on a blind spot and asked that the council would introduce safety measures at this location.**

**(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** In view of the phenomenal success of the latest Star Wars film, the success of the Wild Atlantic Way and now with the South Kerry Greenway coming on stream, I propose that Kerry County Council renew their efforts to acquire lands in Portmagee village for additional Car parking for visitors who wish to go to Skellig Michael and a Playground for the local community.

**REPLY:** Early last year, the Council provided 25 additional car parking spaces in Portmagee which was funded by a Town and Village Renewal Grant of " 46k. The Council is prepared to examine the feasibility of developing further car parking and recreational amenities in Portmagee. However, this is contingent on the availability of land close to the centre of the village that could facilitate such development. The Council is open to discussions should an indication be received that suitable land would be made available to purchase by agreement.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated the lack of adequate car parking in Portmagee is an ongoing problem and will continue to get worse as the number of tourists visiting the area increase. He called on the council to continue their efforts to acquire land for car parking.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** "That Kerry County Council carry out a major Traffic Management Plan for Killorglin town, as a matter of extreme urgency with a view to addressing the huge Traffic Delays in the town, particularly on Iveragh Road, that will also include the identification of New Car Parking areas, that will take into consideration Road Safety, issues that concern Pedestrians, Cyclists and People with Disabilities, Traffic Flow Management, Access to Schools and the larger Employment Centres in the Town, Bus Parking area, etc,

**REPLY:** A comprehensive Traffic Management Plan for a scheduled town would, at a minimum, be expected to examine the following transport issues:

- Road Safety
- Pedestrians, Cyclists and People with disabilities
- Traffic Flow Management
- On street and off street Car Parking
- HGV Management
- Access to Schools
- Bus Services

It is acknowledged that sections of the street network, operate beyond capacity during the summer months which results in tailbacks on the national secondary approach roads, most particularly on the N70 Iveragh Road. In this regard Killorglin is similar to most popular tourist towns in the county and indeed the country.

The options to alter traffic flow management, HGV management and on-street parking (which is highly valued by commercial business) on the existing street network is limited. Therefore, the ultimate solution to reduce the tailbacks being experienced in the summer will require the construction of a new by-pass linking the N70 and N72 and a new bridge crossing of the River Laune. This requirement is identified as an objective in the County Development Plan. Until there is a likely timeline for the construction of this new infrastructure, the preparation of a full traffic management plan could not be considered as an effective use of resources. However, many aspects of transport planning in Killorglin are under continuing review and improvement and the provision of a centralised bus stop and bus shelter at Library place was implemented in November

2014. In 2016, the Council completed the N70 Iveragh Road Safety Enhancement and Pavement Scheme which addressed many of the transport issues listed above, particularly in relation to road safety and pedestrian facilities.

The operation of junctions is the principal factor regarding efficient traffic flow and in this regard works on the N70 Mill Road / Market Street Junction were substantially completed last year. A Section 38 statutory process was completed in November 2017 to facilitate improvements at 3 further junctions on the N70 which form part of the proposed N70 Dromavally to Mill Road Pavement scheme.

In relation to car parking, the Mill Car Park on Annadale Road was surfaced and re-lined in 2016. The Council has also reached agreement to acquire a further 1.7 acres of land at Annadale Road which will facilitate additional car and coach parking. It is proposed to now seek consent for the development of the extension of this car park in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning & Development Acts, 2000-2017 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 -2017. The Council must, however, examine and identify options for funding the construction element of this particular project following the completion of the Part 8 planning process.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that he had previously submitted this notice of motion. The ultimate solution is the construction of a new bridge to divert the traffic. It is critical that a short-term solution is found. There are continuous traffic tailbacks in the town. He added that the Killorglin Chamber Alliance is also pursuing this matter.**

**3. Cllr. M Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the OPW protect the homes adjacent to the Public road at Cromane Lower by providing as a matter of extreme urgency the necessary funding to raise and strengthen the Seawall."

**REPLY:** At this location the wall consists of a low stone faced wall adjacent to the road with a rough ditch to the sea wards side. This low wall was neither designed nor constructed with a view to preventing high tides from flooding the roadway at Lower Cromane. Prior to any new proposed works( i.e. new sea wall) being considered a Study is required by the OPW before they will consider any intervention works in this coastal area. As indicated at a previous meeting, an application was made to the OPW for funding to carry out such a Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management Study in the Castlemaine Harbour area covering the Cromane, Rossbeigh and Inch areas.

This proposed Coastal Cell Study shall for example aim to quantify the flooding risk at Cromane in terms of human health and life (social), environment, cultural heritage, economics and infrastructure. Based on the risks identified, Coastal Erosion and Flood Risk Management Plans shall be developed which shall aim to identify the preferred option(s) and measure(s) to best manage those risks identified. These plans shall establish appropriate objectives for the management of coastal erosion and flooding risk and focus on the reduction of the potential adverse consequences of coastal erosion and flooding.

Notwithstanding the above, we have also been in discussions with a number of property owners at the northern end of Cromane Lower with a view to additional embankments to the rear of their properties. This design is presently being modified following a further meeting on site with one of

the relevant landowners. If a design can be agreed upon, it is our intention to submit this to the OPW for consideration.

**Cllr. M. Cahill acknowledged that the Seawall was not originally constructed to keep out the Atlantic Ocean and asked that the council would raise this wall to protect the homes of the residents. He cautioned that if works are not carried out, the families may have to be relocated.**

**4. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** An bhfuil aon dul chun chin déanta maidir le Pleananna ó thaobh an fadhb tráchta aige Casadh na graige i mbaile an fheirtéaraigh?

**4. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** What is the up to date progress with regard to the plans for a resolution to the traffic problems at Casadh na gráige i mbaile an Fheirtéaraigh.

**FREAGRA:** Is páirt do chlár oibre 2018 é an dearadh agus measúnú timpeallachta don gcarrchlós agus clós bus seo a chríochnú. Nuair a bheidh an obair sin críochnaithe, go luath sa dara ceathrú don mbliain, déanfar léaráidí maidir le ceannach talún a ullmhú le cur faoi bhráid úinéirí na talún chun margadh a dhéanamh leo, más féidir.

**REPLY:** The finalisation of the design and environmental assessments for this proposed car and coach parking facility forms part of the design work programme for 2018. Upon completion of the design process which is anticipated to be early in Q2, land acquisition drawings shall be prepared with a view to advancing the negotiations with the relevant landowners.

**5. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council make an application under the Village Renewal Scheme for funding to install footpaths and public lighting at Ceann Trá Village?

**REPLY:** The Council has acquired the land for this project. However, the working cost estimate for completion of the construction is " 250,000. It will be challenging for the Council at present to identify funding to construct a project of this scale. However, the project will be kept under continuing review and will be considered should any future significant source of funding become available.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald asked that the council would consider applying for funding under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme.**

**Mr. P. Teahan stated that the matter will be kept under review.**

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald stated that he understood that subject to the availability of funding, the project is ready to progress.**

**Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that this matter will have to be reviewed.**

**6. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council request the T.I.I. to put a road maintenance funding in place for the N86 from Tralee to Dingle?

**REPLY:** The condition of the N86 National Secondary Road has been discussed with TII and pavement schemes are being examined at some sections where realignment works are not taking place. The ongoing maintenance of the N86 will continue to be funded by the annual TII National Secondary Ordinary Maintenance allocation.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald stated that while he acknowledged the reply, he expressed concerns that the condition of the road at the top of Gleanagarilt is particularly bad and the road entering Dingle Town, outside Moran's shop.**

**Mr. C Nagle replied that the road outside Moran's shop has recently been repaired, works were ongoing here to resolve an issue with the drainage. The road at Gleanagarilt is in the Tralee Municipal District.**

**7. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** That Kerry County Council urgently call upon the TII to allocate funding for a footpath and lighting to Ard Bhearna Estate, Kenmare.

**REPLY:** The Council is engaging with Transport Infrastructure Ireland on the feasibility of providing this footpath, particularly as the N71 Molls Gap / Killarney Road, Kenmare has been identified for pavement improvement works.

The section of the route from Ard Bhearna Estate towards the town centre has also been identified by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (T.I.I.) for further examination under T.I.I.'s Network Safety Ranking process, and the Council has been requested to submit a Feasibility Report, which we expect to have completed and submitted early in Q2, 2018.

The case will be made in the Feasibility Report that there is a need for a traffic calming scheme which would include the provision of footpath linkage to Ard Bhearna estate. The current cost estimate to provide 440m of footpath is " 206,000, including for public lighting and a pedestrian crossing.

There are economic benefits in having all of the works identified to be constructed under both schemes completed under a single contract and we are hopeful of favourable consideration from the T.I.I. to this proposal.

The Council has also requested a contribution towards the cost of the footpath from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and further discussions are taking place regarding the possibility of funding being provided by that Department also.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen welcomed the reply and asked that the council would do all it can to expedite the matter. He would not be in favour of constructing an additional 22 houses until a footpath and public lighting is provided from the estate to the town.**

**8. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** That Kerry County Council carry out extensive footpath repairs in the Kenmare area.

**REPLY:** Maintenance works on footpaths in the Kenmare Area will be considered for the 2018 Footpath Programme.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen stated that minimal works were done to footpaths during the recession years and many of the footpaths are deteriorating and have now cracked. He referred in particular to the Kilowen and Dromneavane road, which he described as being in a shocking condition. He thanked the Operations Department for the recent works carried**

**out to the Railway Road. He stated that significant investment is required for the footpaths in Kenmare and requested that an estimate of works would be prepared.**

**9. Cllr. D Quigg:** When is it envisaged that works will begin and end on the N70 from Banshagh to Killorglin ?

**REPLY:** As outlined in the update report this pavement scheme on the N70 National Secondary Road may go to tender within the next two weeks; this is subject to TII approval. The contract documents are being finalised and a decision regarding replacement of the water main is the only item remaining to be resolved. It is anticipated that works will commence at the end of Q1, 2018 and will be completed by Q4, 2018.

**10. Cllr. D. Quigg:** When is the new overlay expected to begin on the Killorglin to Caragh Lake Road?

**REPLY:** The L-4021 Local Primary Road from Glanagillach Cross to the Ranguie junction has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme and is scheduled to receive funding of " 150,000 in 2018.

**11. Cllr. D. Quigg:** How long will it take to have a plan drawn up and submitted for EU funding in relation to a New Pier in Cromane ?

**REPLY:** The provision of a pier at Cromane was previously progressed by the Department of the Marine with the assistance of Kerry County Council and was originally estimated to cost between " 6.5m and " 8m. The Department of the Marine was leading the project and it was always clear that the Department would have to fund the development. Kerry County Council has no funding stream for capital works in Piers & Harbours except for "The Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme" operated by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine(DAFM) which is subject to certain terms and conditions, one being that the total project cost shall not exceed " 150,000. Any proposals for a new pier in Cromane is substantially outside the remit of the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme. It is an objective of the Kerry Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 - 2022 to 're-examine the feasibility of the development of Cromane Pier and associated infrastructure' (LECP Objective 1.11.5.5). This feasibility study will be carried out by Kerry County Council and if the project is deemed feasible, Kerry County Council will seek to progress this development in conjunction with the associated agencies.

**12. Cllr. D. Quigg:** How much cold tarmac is used per annum in South & West Kerry in relation to Pot holes being filled and at what cost?

**REPLY:** In 2017 there was 910 tonnes of delay set macadam material purchased for the South and West Kerry Municipal District at a total cost of " 57,684.

**13. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Would there be any funding or scheme available to prevent flooding of the Shroneberrane Road, Lauragh?

**REPLY:** There is no scheme of funding currently available to the Council to undertake works to prevent a local road from flooding where there is no risk to property. However, this road can be considered should a suitable scheme of funding become available.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy explained that the river flows across the road at high tide. He asked that the road would be raised to prevent future flooding.**

**Mr. V. Horgan undertook to prepare an estimate for the works.**

**14. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Is there any update of funding for the road at Kilkeanna Cross to Kenmare?

**REPLY:** Transport Infrastructure Ireland has identified this section of the N71 National Secondary Road as requiring pavement improvement works.

The Council is also engaging with Transport Infrastructure Ireland on the feasibility of providing a footpath to link Ard Bhearna estate and Kenmare.

The section of the route from Ard Bhearna Estate towards the town centre has also been identified by Transport Infrastructure Ireland (T.I.I.) for further examination under T.I.I.'s Network Safety Ranking process, and the Council has been requested to submit a Feasibility Report, which we expect to have completed and submitted by the end of Q1, 2018.

The case will be made in the Feasibility Report that there is a need for a full traffic calming scheme which would include the provision of footpath linkage to Ard Bhearna estate. The current cost estimate to provide 440m of footpath is " 206,000, including for public lighting and a pedestrian crossing.

There are economic benefits in having all of the works identified to be constructed under both schemes completed under a single contract and we are hopeful of favourable consideration from the T.I.I. to this proposal.

The Council has also requested a contribution towards the cost of the footpath from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and further discussions are taking place regarding the possibility of funding being provided by that Department also.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy thanked the Area Engineer Mr. V Horgan for the drainage works recently done to this road and asked that the road would progress on to a Roads Programme.**

**Mr. P. Teahan replied that the road is listed under the Pavement Scheme for 2019 subject to approval from T.I.I.**

**15. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Is there any scheme or any funding available for the Coad Road, Castlecove?

**REPLY:** This Local Tertiary Road L-11604 in Coad, Castlecove is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme for 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the Local Road Network. This road will be considered for inclusion in the next Restoration Improvement Programme. General

maintenance will be carried out in the interim to the extent allowable by Local Road upkeep funding.

**16. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Have Kerry County Council considered erecting barrier on Sneem side of Molls Gap?

**REPLY:** This location has been assessed in accordance with the national standard and it is not feasible to place a barrier that will function correctly in this particular location due to a lack of verge width. However, delineators will be installed at this location in the coming weeks

**Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that the west side of Molls Gap is particularly dangerous.**

**Mr. P. Teahan replied that the council will install delineators at this location. It didn't meet the required standards for the construction of a barrier.**

**17. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** When is the improvement work to start of the Blackwater/Sneem Road?

**REPLY:** The planning and design of the N70 Sneem to Blackwater Bridge is currently ongoing. It is proposed, subject to TII approval, to publish the EIS for the project in Q1 2018. Subject to a favourable decision from An Bord Pleanala in 2018, the project can be progressed to detailed design and subsequently construction, in 2019, subject to availability of funding and TII approval.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy acknowledged the response.**

**18. Cllr. N Moriarty:** That the wall break at Cahernageeha Caherdaniel be repaired as soon as possible.

**REPLY:** This wall will be repaired within the next number of weeks.

**Cllr. N Moriarty welcomed the response.**

**19. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** Can we examine all possible avenues of funding supports to resurface the access road to Reenagross amenity park through Kenmare Golf Course?

**REPLY:** The Council has a right of way over this road to provide access to Reenagross Park. The estimated cost of repairing and surface dressing the road is " 28,000. A mechanism to fund the cost of resurfacing the road, for example, through the Clar programme will be considered over the course of 2018.

**Question previously dealt with it in conjunction with notice of motion no 12.**

**20. Cllr. N Moriarty:** That the brick pavement at Oakwood Manor Estate, Kenmare, recently taken in charge by Kerry County Council be replaced with concrete paving as there are continuous trip hazards emerging as the bricks are subject to movement and sinking.

**REPLY:** This estate is private and not in charge of the Council.

**21. Cllr. N Moriarty:** That the extremely poor sections of the road surface along the N70 at Gortnagree , Kells be cut out and sections restrengthened.

**REPLY:** This section of the N70 National Secondary Road at Gortnagree, Kells requires a pavement overlay scheme designed to current national standards over a distance of approximately 1 km and is not suitable for minor surface repair works. Transport Infrastructure Ireland directly identifies and prioritises the sections of national routes that require pavement overlay works. This section of the N70 Ring of Kerry has not been included in the latest list of schemes announced. However, the Council has raised the condition of this road with TII recently.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that this section of road is in a very poor condition and needs to be re-strengthened.**

**22. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we earmark funding or a funding stream to ensure that car parking spaces in Portmagee are tarred and lined correctly.

**REPLY:** The resurfacing and lining of this car park in Portmagee will be considered for inclusion in future programmes and schemes under the appropriate grant headings.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that an application was submitted for the works last year.**

**23. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** What progress has been made with flashing amber lights that tell what speed you are doing for Foilmore school.

**REPLY:** Transport Infrastructure Ireland have agreed to take over maintenance of these periodic speed limit signs on the N70 National Secondary Road at Foilmore School. An inspection was carried out by contractors on behalf of TII. However, this did not prove conclusive in terms of deciding how best to rectify the signs. The Council are continuing to follow this matter up with TII and we are hopeful that the matter will be resolved satisfactorily.

**Mr. P. Teahan explained that T.I.I. have taken over the maintenance of the lights and stated that he was satisfied that the matter will be resolved.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae expressed disappointment with this response and stated that in the past he was able to contact the local maintenance crew directly. He expressed concerns that the repairs will now take longer to carry out, as it is geographically impossible to cover this area in a timely manner. He asked that a submission would be made to T.I.I. to replace the lights and that the council would undertake to do any works required at this location.**

**Mr. P. Teahan stated that the council will firstly have to follow the process through T.I.I.**

**24. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council install speed limit signs in Beaufort .

**REPLY:** Based on a current tender, the cost estimate for provision of driver feedback signs at the three approach roads to Beaufort is " 15,000. There is currently no identified funding source for these driver feedback signs. However, they would be suitable for funding from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

**25. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would open the drains and resurface the Culemna road Blackwater.

**REPLY:** The drainage work has been completed. This road can be considered for inclusion in the next Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the drainage works on the road but stated that the road is in a terrible condition.**

**26. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would resurface the Clonlee road, Kilgarvan as it is in a shocking state.

**REPLY:** The L-11197 Forge Road is scheduled for inclusion in the 2018 Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme and a grant of " 99,000 is due to be made available to carry out the works.

**(6) 26.01.18.06 Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business**

**(a) Notice of Motion**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council request the Taoiseach and the Government to (A) Demand that all Banks ensure that every family/individual that is being evicted from their home has secured alternative accommodation prior to they leaving the property and (B) Demand that in every case where a settlement is reached with Revenue, that the family/individual has enough money left to buy food to feed themselves and their families.

**Reply:** This is a matter for resolution by the members.

**Cllr. M. Cahill said he believed that there is an onus on the banks to ensure that every effort is made to keep people in their homes. He said he is aware of situations where wages and agriculture grants have been re-directed to the Revenue Commissioners. Saint Vincent De- Paul have also highlighted this problem.**

**It was agreed that the resolution would issue to the Department of Finance.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the relevant authority introduce a flag type system of Carrauntoohill similar to that operated by lifeguards throughout the county that will inform the public of when conditions are suitable to climb Irelands highest Mountain or more importantly when conditions are not suitable for climbing Carrauntoohill as this will help to save lives and the valuable time and efforts of our county's Emergency Services.

**Reply:** Kerry Co. Co. has very little if any operational input into the public access walks to Carrauntoohill.

However it is worth noting that Carrauntoohill has at least 8 official points of access together with a large number of unofficial access points.

The mountains of Kerry are not high by international standards, and severe snow and ice conditions are rare, but nevertheless difficult weather conditions can occur frequently and these conditions should not be underestimated as they can be unforgiving for even the most experienced and well-prepared walkers.

Weather conditions can vary over a short period of time. Severe weather conditions can set in minutes, with the four seasons being a regular occurrence within the one day.

Given the potential for sudden and widespread variation in conditions it is felt that such a system may not be suitable.

Kerry's mountain rescue website <http://kerrymountainrescue.ie/mountain.safety/> provides the most comprehensive information for walkers of the risks, and steps to be taken to ensure their safety. In severe conditions, the website will carry warnings re access.

**Cllr. M. Cahill noted the reply and stated that this problem has been highlighted in the media where people are finding themselves in trouble while climbing Carrauntoohill due to poor weather conditions. When it is not safe to swim, a red flag is raised and suggested that a similar system would be introduced for Carruntoohill. This suggestion may help the Emergency Services whose time could be put to better use. It can also be a very costly exercise.**

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald stated that in poor weather condition Met Éireann issue colour coded weather warnings, which should be adhered to.**

**Mr. M. O'Donoghue explained that there are 8 official access points to Carrauntoohill, which would mean that it would be very difficult to maintain information points at all locations. The weather conditions can change very frequently and suddenly and the potential for such change should not be underestimated. The reality is that people should be aware of likely weather conditions, of their own competence, dress and carry appropriate supplies and should always advise a family member or friend when they are undertaking an outdoor activity and the time they expect to return.**

**Cllr. M Cahill said he believed that some form of signage should be erected.**

**3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Did Kerry County Council carry out any investigations in relation to the erosion issue to the Esk near the Mount Brandon Summit.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has highlighted the importance of adventure tourism to the economy of the county in the Co. Kerry Tourism Strategy 2016- 2022. The access path to the summit of Mount Brandon is a non waymarked walk derived by historic access across mountain lands. There are no statutory provisions or duties on the Council for the maintenance of the path. Maintenance of the path is a very worthwhile project for local community/ amenity/ tourism groups. However, the Council would support an approach similar to that adopted by the Reeks Access Forum for Carrauntoohil where **funding was secured** under the REDZ (Rural Economic Development Zone) to address erosion issues along the main access to the peak. The model utilised for the upgrade and maintenance works carried out on McGillycuddy Reeks is a very

successful one and a similar project with local land owners and businesses involved, would be a desirable project for Mount Brandon in 2018.

**Cathaoirleach. S. Fitzgerald noted the response and stated the Esk can be quite dangerous. He asked that the council would liaise with Comharcumhann Chorca Dhuibhne regarding the matter.**

**4.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council request the ESB to improve the entrance to their facility in Kilgarvan Village.

**Reply:** This is a matter for resolution by the members.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen requested that the resolution would be forwarded to the ESB requesting them to improve the entrance to their Facility in Kilgarvan**

**It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to the ESB.**

**5. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That Kerry County Council carry out a conditions survey as a matter of urgency on Caherciveen Community Centre. The building requires significant work and will need funding to ensure it can properly serve the needs of the local community in delivering much needed services.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council's Facilities Manager visited the building on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. An initial schedule and cost estimate of essential works will be prepared in the coming weeks.

**Cllr. Moriarty welcomed the response and stated that the main grant is no longer available. The building is in the ownership of Kerry County Council and the improvements to the building will benefit the council to ensure that the public will use it. She requested that the council would carry out the required works to the building.**

**Cllr. D. McCarthy seconded the notice of motion.**

**6. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we as a Municipal District write to the Minister responsible for Gaeltacht Affairs and seek the reinstatement of directly elected members to Údaras na Gaelachta as opposed to the current system whereby they are all appointees.

**Reply:** This is a matter for resolution by the members.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that where she meant no disrespect to the newly elected appointees to Údaras na Gaeltachta, she believed that the current system may be disenfranchising and asked that a letter would issue to the Minister of state Mr. Joe McHugh asking that the system would be reviewed.**

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald stated that the previous system was not working adequately.**

**7. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would write to the Minister to request that someone's first offence of penalty points where they are only 5 kilometres or less over the speed limit would be waived and given a warning.

**Reply:** This is a matter for resolution by the members.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae referred to an incident where a woman received a fine and penalty points when caught driving 2Km over the speed limit. He asked that the Minister would consider introducing a system that if it is someone's first offence of penalty points and they are caught driving 5km or less over the speed limit, that they would receive only a warning and a fine.**

**Cllr. J. F. Flynn seconded the notice of motion.**

**It was agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Transport, Sport & Tourism.**

**8. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** I am asking that our Municipal District meetings would rotate from Killorglin to Caherchiveen, Kenmare and Dingle as was the case in the previous Area meetings this would give each part of our constituency a fair chance with deputations etc.

**Reply:** This matter will be examined.

**A discussion took place on this matter and it was agreed that a Municipal District meeting would be held in both Dingle and Kenmare annually to facilitate deputations from the area. It was also agreed that the July meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be held in Kenmare.**

#### **(b) Correspondence**

1.	Reply from National Transport Authority dated 11 <sup>th</sup> December regarding the provision of timetable at Castlemaine Bus Stop
2.	Letter form Dept of Employment Affairs and Social Protection dated 20 <sup>th</sup> December regarding the state pension
3.	Letter form OPW dated 03 <sup>rd</sup> January 2018 regarding the provision of Public toilets at Skellig Michael
4.	Email from Dept of Health dated 09 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 regarding the provision of a special unit for cataracts procedures at Kerry University Hospital
5.	Letter from Dept of Children & Youth Affairs dated 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2018 regarding the provision of required funding for SNA

#### **(c) Matters arising from the Minutes as confirmed at 1 above**

##### **(d) Approval for the reception of Deputations**

(1) On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Cahill and Seconded by Cllr. J. F. Flynn it was agreed that a deputation from the Parents & Friends of St. Mary of the Angels would be received at a meeting for the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(2) On the Proposal of Cllr. D. McCarthy and Seconded by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae, it was agreed that a deputation from Kenmare Golf Club would be received at a meeting for the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(3) On the Proposal of Cllr. J.F. Flynn and Seconded by Cllr. M. Cahill it was agreed that a deputation from the Business in Milltown would be received at a meeting for the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the following deputation would attend the next meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

**(f) Any Other Business**

26.01.18.06(b) Reception of Deputations

**Community Support Fund**

It was agreed that pending approval at the February Ordinary Council meeting that a Special meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry to consider and approve allocations from the 2018 Community Support Fund would be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Council Chambers. County Buildings.

**Road closure at Torc**

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen explained that the businesses in Kenmare have expressed concerns regarding the closure of the road at Torc, Killarney, which is having an adverse effect on businesses in Kenmare Town. He asked that the council would introduce a single traffic lane or introduce a Stop / Go system.

**Parking at Abbey Place Caherciveen.**

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen stated that the public are parking directly in front of the houses at Abbey Place, leaving the residents nowhere to park. He acknowledged that Cllr. N Moriarty previously raised this as a notice of motion and asked that the matter would be reviewed.

**Roads works at Molls Gap**

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae referred to the scheduled road works on the Molls Gap Road and said that last year the road was closed for several weeks and now the T.I.I. plan to close the road for 5 weeks. He asked that the T.I.I. would consider partially opening the road. The closure will have a huge affect on businesses in the area.

Mr. P. Teahan explained that the work involves a full pavement overlay scheme. This is a very narrow road and would be very difficult to maintain traffic while overlaying the road.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae acknowledged that while the works are required to the road, he asked that consideration would be given to carry out multiple works under the one scheme. The rate payers are complaining that the road closure is affecting their business.

Mr. P. Teahan undertook to convey the members concerns to T.I.I.

**Meeting with Coillte**

Cllr. M. Cahill asked that the council would request a meeting with Coillte to discuss the condition of the forestry access roads, drainage and hedge cutting.

### **Public Lighting at Glenbeigh Village**

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that he recently received an estimate for the extension of public lighting outside Glenbeigh Village. The estimate for an additional was in the region of " 8,000, which he believed to be very excessive.

26.01.18.06(c) Date for next Municipal District Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be held on Thursday 05<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

The meeting concluded at 1.05p.m.

**Beth Reidy**  
**Meetings Administrator**

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**Cllr. S Fitzgerald**  
**Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District**  
**of South and West Kerry**