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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY HELD IN THE COLAISTE NA SCEILGE, CAHERCIVEEN, ON FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019.

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH AR COLAISTE NA SCEILIGE, CATHAIR SAIDHBHÍN, AR AN AOINE 29Ú MÁRTA 2019.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

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

APOLOGIES/LEATH SCÉAL

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

**Mr. J. Breen
Mr. G. O' Brien
Mr. P. Teahan
Ms. S. Griffin
Ms. B. Conway
Mr. D. Ginty
Mr. B. Hickey
Mr. M Kelliher
Mr. P. J. Galvin
Mr. K. O' Halloran
Mr. J. Kennelly
Mr. C Mangan
Mr. C. Slattery
Ms. M. C. Sweeney
Mr. K. Dempsey**

**Acting Delegated Executive for South and West Kerry MD
Senior Executive Officer
Municipal District Engineer
Municipal District Officer
Meetings Administrator
ASP Planning & Sustainable Development
EE Killorglin
EE Caherciveen
EE Killarney
EE Operations, Health & Safety
SE Operations, Health & Safety
SEE Water Services
SSO Housing
ASO Corporate Affairs
PreScience**

The meeting commenced at 10.16 a.m.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. N. Moriarty took the chair.

29.03.19.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. McCarthy & SECONDED by Cllr. D. Quigg it was agreed that the Minutes of the South & West Kerry Municipal District meeting held on 25th January be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. J. F. Flynn & SECONDED by Cllr. J. Healy Rae it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special meeting of the South & West Municipal District to consider and approve allocations for 2019 Community Support Fund held on 19th February 2019 be confirmed.

29.03.19.01 (b) Reception of Deputations

(a) Deputation from KDYS Caherciveen

Re: Universal access in the town

Requested by Cllr. N. Moriarty

Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation, stated that it was important to listen to our young people and briefed them on the standing orders for reception of deputations at the meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

The spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) proceeded to read the following document into the record of the meeting.

Good morning ladies and gentlemen, my name is (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) and I am joined today by (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) Thank you very much for having us here today. We are a team of young people, part of the KDYS Wednesday group, supported by the South Kerry Development Partnership and today we will be speaking to you about accessibility in Caherciveen.

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen. Today I am here to tell you Aarons story because we, as a group, saw Aaron struggle to get around his home town. It was extremely frustrating to watch a 25-year-old young man in a wheel chair having such difficulty crossing a road. Something which many of you take for granted. He finds it scary and dangerous. Even if the cars stop he is very limited in the route he can take around town. He tries to cross the road every day not knowing if the car will stop, not knowing if he can get up on to the footpath. We spoke to Aaron about the ramps in May. We took Aarons route with the Kerry County Council Engineer and looked at all the areas that needed to be adapted. He told us that it should be ready by the 30th of June.

Before the end of June, I went to the Council to make sure everything was going to plan, because we didn't see any progress on the ramps. The engineer wasn't available at the time. We went twice in September with the KDYS Wednesday group, they told us that they would pass on our message to the Engineer and that he would contact us soon.

In October the Engineer attended one of our meetings and explained that they would not be able to carry out the works and we would have to contact Kerry County Councillor's. On the 16th of November we attended the Cahersiveen Business and Community Expo, where we met Councillor Moriarty. We raised our concerns and she invited us to this meeting. This gives us an opportunity to raise the concerns we have about accessibility in our community which came to light because of our engagement with Aaron.

People can't pass each other on the footpath. If there is a wheelchair or pram trying to pass on the same footpath, one of them has to go on the road which is very dangerous. This is not only a problem for Aaron but also for other members of our community and tourists visiting the town. It is very important to point out that every member of our community should be able to move freely around this town we call home. Thank you for your time. Now I will pass you on the (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)

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

Hello everyone, I am here to speak to you about accessibility for the elderly people in our community. I am very involved with the elderly people as I am very close to my grandmother and through her the active retired. I will now tell you a story about my Nana. She is 87 years old and does not drive. She has to walk back to the hospital for visits and to the graveyard. However, the footpath on the left-hand side of the road from East end to the hospital stops across from Eamon Casey's bicycle shop to the traffic lights at Tile Art, forcing my Nana to cross the road at the pedestrian crossing at Quirke's Newsagents. If she is going to the hospital she will then have to cross over at the traffic lights at the hospital. If she isn't however and is instead going to the graveyard then she will have to stay on the same side as there is more missing footpath further back the town. She will have to cross the road yet again then to reach the graveyard. Now what was the point of this story? My Nana cannot walk from her home in East End all the way back to the hospital or graveyard without having to cross the road at least twice. What if she wished to go to the hospital and the graveyard? Well then, she would have to cross the road four times. Now for ourselves young people and for yourselves that would be easy enough. But my Nana is 87 years old. It's not so easy for her. My Nana is just an example who stands for all the elderly people in our community. Another thing about the footpaths. Let's say for example if a mother and her baby in a pram were passing my Nana outside of the church. There isn't enough space for both of them to pass so one will have to go on the road to pass. Which one will it be? Now 3 of the accessibility problems that affect the elderly people according to the social services are:

- The cracked footpaths*
- We need traffic lights*
- The missing footpaths*

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

Hello everyone, my name is (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) and today I want to talk to you about:

- My own experience on crossing the road.*

- *Street Lighting.*
- *Footpaths.*

Firstly, my experience as a primary school student and now as a secondary school student. When I was in primary school, Scoil Saidhbín, I walked to school, a journey which involved crossing the road twice, so I had to be super aware of what was going on around me. I feel that had there been a lollipop person there then there would be no problem in crossing the roads. Since then I have learned a lot about caring for myself and especially the 'Safe Cross Code' but I still find it very scary to cross a road in the town because cars seem to be going very fast. Today walking to school is less of an ordeal as I only have to cross in front of Supervalu, however, the footpaths are in very bad condition and I always have to be extra careful not to trip over. Talking of tripping over, at night I help out with our business and on my return home, between the condition of the footpath and the yellow, orange colour of the lighting it is hard to see. So, if you changed the lights to LED lights. This would be a great way of saving energy for our environment and provide better lighting to be able to see the uneven footpaths. Andreja has already mentioned that it is very difficult for a pram and a wheelchair to pass each other and I have also noticed that it is very hard for people using prams or wheelchairs to access the footpaths because of lack of ramps. Ramps would make our footpaths accessible for all users.

Thank you for listening to me, I very much appreciate it, thank you!

(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) Hello ladies and gentlemen, I am (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) and today we are going to give you the background of what brought us here. Distribute a copy of the accessibility survey we carried out and discuss accessibility for people with special needs, for young people and children and for the elderly people in our community.

My issue today is accessibility to the town park. Firstly, it is dangerous getting to the town park, but as a 13-year-old I am not allowed use the facilities, our age group really enjoy being able to play and spend time together, so if anyone could allocate funding to provide climbing frames or to remove the by-law so that we can enjoy the playground that would be really appreciated. We are still considered children in Ireland.

Recommendations

In conclusion Sophie read the following. Thank you very much for your time, now we are just going to finish off by saying what we see as the most important pieces to work on to make our community more accessible.

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I would like to see improvements made so that Aaron will have a less stressful daily journey around the town. Also, Elizabeth would like to see a traffic light at the Pedestrian crossing at the Church. She told us that she has to physically say stop to the cars and step onto the road, not knowing if the car will stop or now, which is very stressful for her and many others living and working in our community.

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That there would be footpaths from one end of town to the other end so that our elderly community can walk about without tripping or falling on the sloping footpaths.

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That the lighting on the main street would be changed to LED bulbs so that it will be brighter, safer and more environmentally friendly.

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That the by law will be removed so that we can use the local children's park or that additional equipment is added for teenagers.

Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty thanked the deputation.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn thanked the deputation for their presentation. It was lovely to listen to you. It is important to hear the profound effect it has on the town. Many Councillors raise these issues every month. Caherciveen needs an overhaul. We need a list of priorities for a list of facilities. Lack of facilities leads to drugs and mixing with the wrong gangs. Time moves on and different facilities are now needed.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the KDYS group and stated that similar issues are faced by Killorglin. We have a blind girl who has issues at the bus stop. Killorglin Access for All group have an input into the new Socio-Economic Plan. In the playground there are 3 pieces of equipment to be installed for children with dyspraxia and other needs. Spaces need to be accessible to all. In Northern Ireland Youth Clubs are held in schools and work very well.

Cllr. J. Healy Rae welcomed the group and complimented them on their speeches and the issues raised. Any young person who gets to grow up with their grandparents is very lucky. You are a credit to young people and your community. A community is judged on how they treat their young people. I am sure you are all aware of the fatal accident in Glenflesk. We need Management to address this issue. Caherciveen is beautiful and The Greenway will not resurface the streets, bring new lighting or replace missing footpaths. The road is leaning into the footpath and there is a serious issue with them. I would like Management to update us, is there any prospect of it being done in the next 2 to 3 years. The by-law should not stop you using facilities.

Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen If we are thinking about the future of Caherciveen there are concerns for the environment and the future of the town. You have demonstrated today that you care for all ages in the community. It is improving. There is a footpath program in place and hopefully it will cover these issues. I agree with you that more facilities outside of school hours and holidays are needed, disabled access is of great concern if the infrastructure is not there. This has been a fantastic deputation, one of the best I have ever seen. As adults some of you will live and work in the local area, perhaps working from home and we need better WiFi. Thank you.

Cllr. M. Cahill thanked the delegation for their presentation and stated that the issues raised were consistent with issues raised by the Councillors. In the Town Park a lot more could be done,

it should be a centre of attraction with access for all. If Greenway comes we will get hundreds of thousands of extra visitors and we need to be ready.

Cllr. D. McCarthy thanked the delegation and stated that young people have a huge role to play in advancing issues such as these. Your presentation was excellent and we as Councillors need to further your causes.

Cllr. N. Moriarty thanked the delegation on their fantastic presentation and stated that LED ϕ s are more efficient and will be done in next few weeks. The brickwork on footpaths needs to be overlaid with a more suitable surface. Overhanging wires should be underground, but we need major funding and much of your work can feed into this. Your survey is commendable, and it will be very helpful to have information like this.

Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that he fully support the deputation, it is important to have the infrastructure in place. We will work with you to enhance your community.

Mr. P. Teahan on behalf of Kerry County Council I welcome you and thank you for your presentation. We have put forward a multi-million-euro scheme, " 3.6 million in Killorglin and similar funding applied for. We have made the case to TII, expanding the project to include footpaths. To make a case to TII we can carry out an accessibility program. The zebra crossing is up to full standard at the moment. With regard to the Town Park we would like to work with you. There are funding streams there. We have a Community Department that will help draft a plan. There is " 100,000 funding in that pot.

**(b) Deputation from the Residents of An Bhainseach
Re: Issues in the estate
Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill**

Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and briefed them on the standing orders for reception of deputations at the meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

The spokesperson Margaret Clifford proceeded to read the following document into the record of the meeting.

Good morning elected representatives and Council members. Myself and my colleague are here today to represent An Bhainseach Residents Association. My name is Margaret Clifford, treasurer and Director.

My name is (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) Chairperson, Thank you for your invitation to attend todays meeting. Firstly, we would like to thank you for all your support we have received this far in An bhainseach- without which we would not have the amenity area or the community house. We are also joined today by (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request), SKDP. Our priorities going forward, from consulting with our community are the maintainence and upgrades to the houses- to include fir resistant doors, window repairs etc. Up to EU standards. I have been in my house for the last 8 years and my windows have been in disrepair since I moved in, my shower also has never worked properly and nothing has been done. I believe the council

has the same obligations as private landlords to uphold the maintenance of our houses to a high standard.

We have previously written to the housing department about the installation of carbon Monoxide alarms are vital given the current condition of many of the ranges,

Following on from planning of real consultation that we carried out with the community, the need for a local link stop or a bus stop is needed near the estate. As part of our dedication to the community we have 2 busses leaving the estate every day to take the young people to school. Unfortunately there is no available busses to bring the kids home so if there was a local link stop they could avail of it. Transport is also a major issue for our residents because residents don't have access to cars. We are also at a time where many of our teenagers will be heading on to further education and will need public transport.

Increased garda presence and resources also necessary for the Killorglin area. Speeding in the estate is a major issue- for which we have installed numerous signs.

We need extra Garda resources given the increased level of anti-social behavior, as the current policy in place is really impacting on all the people in the community.

Currently footpaths in the estate are in a desperate condition- the concrete is crumbling, around the drains are cracked and some footpath slabs are after settling. Kerry County Council just launched their Access for All report- we need to be able to move around our estate safely and confidently. The children are playing on the road because our footpaths are not safe-putting them at risk of traffic.

The centre needs a reception window- funding for which was applied for under the Community support funds 2019 was unsuccessful. Any support towards this would be gratefully appreciated- we view this as much needed safety and practical measure for the staff in the centre.

Slow down signs are needed and existing signs need to be moved because they can't be seen.

Community Support Fund 2018 was gratefully received to cover the cost of new nets for the amenity area- however the cost of the labour to install the nets is now required.- the nets are needed to keep the balls in the court and from hitting the adjacent houses and cars.

These nights there is increased activity in the amenity area- the high population of teenagers are gathering often and we see the need for a sensor light to be installed to deter the anti-social behavior taking place. This is for both their safety and the safety of all other residents too.

I am aware that Kerry County Council are debating ways to cut down on illegal dumping and rubbish collections. I would like to suggest, as a person in this position struggling with the cost of bins- a scheme which gives people the opportunity for a pay as you go rubbish collection service, as people can't afford the annual fees and lift combined. Since the privatisation of the rubbish collections people are struggling with the rising costs of rubbish collections which in turn is adding to the problem of illegal dumping and costing the council money in the long run. Might I suggest a needs analysis is carried out to determine if what I am saying is correct- would it benefit everyone?.

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Thank you for your attention and your support going forward would be appreciated.

We wish you best of luck in the elections.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the delegation and acknowledged the work that Kerry County Council has already done in An Bhainseach and discussed the following points: -

- The importance of the local link bus
- Estate maintenance
- bin companies.

Cllr. D. Quigg supported previous Councillor and discussed the following points: -

- We need to organise a meeting where we can discuss the issues you have raised in depth.
- Bringing antisocial issues forward to JPC.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Quigg & SECONDED by Cllr. P. C. Scarteen it was agreed that a separate meeting would be organised to have a more in-depth discussion about issues raised.

Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen supported previous speakers regarding estate work and link bus. *Illegal dumping issue needs to be discussed at Full Council.*

Cllr. J. Healy Rae supported previous speakers and stated that Kerry County Council should be installing carbon monoxide alarms.

This was supported by Cllr. J. F. Flynn who also requested footpath maintenance be examined.

Cllr. M. O' Shea in support of the previous speakers asked that Anti-social behaviour is a very serious matter and needs to be addressed urgently.

Cllr. N. Moriarty in support of the previous speakers asked that a meeting be organised to discuss these issues further as a matter of priority.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn requested that a plaque to acknowledge the work done by Kerry County Council be erected.

Mr. J. Breen stated that there are a lot of issues raised, we will set a date for a meeting.

(c) Presentation from Mr. Ian Dempsey of PreScience regarding development of Socio-Economic Plans in Killorglin, Caherciveen and Kenmare.

Mr. Dempsey covered the following points for the Members in his PowerPoint presentation: .

Socio-economic Plan Components

Introduction and Summary

Background

Location & Connectivity

Demographics

Characteristics, Attributes & Legacy Assets

Implementing Structures & Networks

Description of the Participative Planning Process

Social, Economic & Environmental Baseline

Plan Components

- Summary of Resources, Issues, Needs & Concerns
- SWOT Analysis
- Define the Vision
(Theme - Objectives, Strategic Integration, Action Plan)

Why a Vision?

- Identifies & communicates the change envisaged.
- Highlights purpose and ambition
- Highlights shared values.
- Seeks to inspire and align disparate interests.
- Informs and shapes objectives, strategy & actions.
- Builds scale and coherence.
- Future oriented and remains relevant over the medium to longer term.

Smart Villages – A Changing Context

Context

- Demographic Change
- Brexit & the European Union
- Urbanisation, Migration & Movement of People
- Borders and Mega Regions
- Digitilisation & Technology
- Automation, Artificial Intelligence & the Future of Work
- Climate Change, Environment & Sustainability
- Mobility and Transport
- Ireland 2040

Cllr. M. O' Shea queried: -

- Where would these plans stand with a no deal Brexit as the western seaboard has been ignored

Cllr. D. Quigg discussed the following: -

- Look at our own society/pay scale/get our house in order/look at social fabric of our county.
- No courses in the local area for tradespeople such as Painters/Decorators

How will Brexit affect the following?

- Cross border initiatives around trade.
- Cancer patients being treated in Derry.
- Drivers who cross border up to 12 times per day
- Operations taking place across the border for cataracts

Cllr. J. F. Flynn discussed the following: -

- Everything is centralised in Dublin, but we have control over a lot of areas
- Young persons trying to build on a family farm are being driven to bigger cities
- Tourism County
- ETB . passed VTOS to be moved to a bigger base . we need to look to expand to give people an advantage
- Certain areas have vacant holiday homes/second home/summer home. Instances in Beaufort houses where houses are rented for a number of months, but they have to apply for planning for summer letting

How will Brexit affect the following?

- This is a fishing County so with Brexit will there be changes to the fishing boundaries?

Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen discussed the following: -

- Not a lot of bright lights here. Caherciveen has gone down while other areas have gone up due to changes in employment opportunities.
- More focus on tourism and agriculture
- Regarding the 2040 plan, Caherciveen should be a test base . infrastructure is lacking, and accommodation is an issue.

Cllr. J. Healy Rae discussed the following: -

- Declining pupil numbers in Coláiste na Sceilge since it opened
- 17% of population born outside the state
- What % who were born here are now working outside our state
- Kerry County Council needs to be in a position to compete for available funding going forward
- The biggest issues we have are letting our educated people leave
- Family farms are being run by elderly persons due to children not taking up farming or moving abroad
- Young people go to college for 4 . 6 years to be at the top of their chosen profession so it naturally follows that they will not return to areas like here to live and work.

Cllr. M. Cahill discussed the following: -

- Importance of a socio-economic plan for Caherciveen/Killorglin/Kenmare . planning is our way forward
- Importance of the South Kerry Greenway and what it can do for communities
- Target Areas we need to look at

Cllr. N. Moriarty discussed the following: -

- Turning negatives into positives . eg. Dark Skies
- 23 years since Coláiste na Sceilge opened. There were 800 pupils then/now only 467.
- Importance of influencing these plans and making sure that policy decision makers are in line with our vision for our communities
- Environment . grass fed beef production is best in Europe

In response to the Councillors queries and comments, Mr. Ian Dempsey stated the following: -

- All the changes I listed will happen according to every strategy I have read.
- To try to relate this back to Cahersiveen we need to go back to this question
 - What problem are you trying to solve?
- There is a disconnect in rural areas, you are a long way from everywhere
- Sneem has put a coworking space together so can Cahersiveen.
- Millennials/Generation Z have different views
- I work with people in Moldova and Helsinki, but I have never met them.
- The opportunities here are Gaeltacht and Irish areas, living labs, UCC/Skellig CRI

- Training in a rural landscape is about older people with money wanting to immerse themselves in the landscape.

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

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

Mr. John Kennelly briefed the members on the report, which was circulated to them in advance of the meeting.

Whilst the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the above statutory provisions and has to be considered by the Members of the South & West Kerry Municipal District, it is recognized that there are changes to the Municipal District after the local elections in May. This will necessitate changes to the existing Engineering Areas to align them as best as possible to the new Local Electoral Areas / Municipal Districts. The impacts of these changes are still currently being assessed but as far, as is reasonably possible the impact on the budgetary provisions and the proposed work programme is presented in the plan, for indicative purposes. In particular where specific roads are identified for improvement works, the location of these within the new Local Electoral Area boundaries is given in the appendices. The changes to the Engineering Areas will require consultation with staff and members will be advised when this process is complete.

It is, in effect, a plan of maintenance and repair works that prioritizes and apportions the use, within the municipal district, of the funding provided in the 2019 Budget, which was adopted by Council on the 12th November 2018 for particular purposes

The main elements of the provisions under the above legislation are as follows: -

- The preparation and adoption of the SMDW Plan is a mandatory requirement,
- The SMDW is to be prepared as soon as may be following the adoption of the annual budget, for consideration and adoption by resolution, with or without amendment, by the municipal district members.
- If not adopted by the municipal district members, the SMDW reverts to the full council for the elected members consideration and adoption, with or without amendment.

Mr. Kennelly then thanked the Municipal District Team and the outdoor staff for delivery of the 2018 Municipal District Works Plan. Mr. Kennelly also stated that there are items on this year's Municipal District Works Plan that are from 2020 but we have included them here as we have extra funding and asked Councillors to note that schemes listed in White are 2019 and promoted

schemes one for each area are highlighted. There was flexibility to move money from Restoration program previously, but we can no longer do that.

In response to a query from Cllr. M. OqShea, **Mr. J. Kennelly** stated that there is still a number on hand if we get any extra funding.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn welcomed the plan but stated that he was disappointed that certain areas will continually lag or need attention. Funds need to be set aside to resurface specific parts of roads for example Gran Road/Lahan Road.

Mr. J. Kennelly stated that there is a discretionary fund available for this type of works to allocate as needed.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn requested that a letter be written from the South & West Municipal District Members to the Minister requesting him to allocate funding for this issue.

Cllr. J. Healy Rae stated the following: -

- Hedges around the Ring of Kerry are a huge issue. This is a very simple issue to remedy.
- Many necessary road repairs are to do with poor drainage. Work in this area is very necessary and important, increasing Councillors allocation will be necessary.
- If we aren't resurfacing / maintaining at least 5km out of 112k it is an issue
- If a road is not on the roads program then they may get funding elsewhere, but an agreement is needed that if roads deteriorate, they will be repaired and maintained

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the program, supported the previous Councillors and stated that there are health and safety issues regarding hedges.

- He welcomed the upcoming meeting on Rossbeigh
- Anti-Social behavior is an issue in playgrounds. In Rathmore there is a timer system. Can it be looked at as a solution. Enforcing the by-laws, is also necessary.

Mr. P. Teahan stated that for National secondary roads there has been a 32% drop in funding. There has been an application made to the TII for special allocation for the Ring of Kerry.

Cllr. D. Quigg stated that there are a lot of projects but in relation to funding there is a 90% collection in property section in Co. Kerry. We are supporting other counties.

Cllr. Quigg requested that a letter be written to the Minister requesting that he consider receiving a deputation to discuss funding for roads, as we are not getting out fair share of the property tax.

Cllr. D. McCarthy supported this.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the program and asked if Kerry County Council had taken applications as a county not by Municipal District.

Mr. J. Kennelly stated that we assess on merit points system. 20 have been completed but we can do another 30.

Cllr. D. Quigg formally PROPOSED that a letter be written to the TII to ask for extra funding.
Cllr. N. Moriarty SECONDED this.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. Healy Rae regarding whether Kerry County Council had highlighted the 800+ applications with the government, **Mr. J. Kennelly** stated that there is 16 remaining from 2017. From the 2018 list a number will proceed. We have a list and a supplementary list if any extra funding becomes available.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. F. Flynn regarding whether everything on the list had been surveyed, **Mr. J. Kennelly** stated that Kerry County Council have taken the top 20 and surveyed them in detail, road condition is a consideration as well as no of houses on route, landholding and beaches. We are only allowed to advance 25%.

Cllr. M. Cahill suggested and proposed that the hardship cases should be progressed.

Mr. P. Teahan stated that Dromquin Scheme is at construction. 5 schemes for realignment . 4 to Kenmare . 2 pavements, Mols Gap to Kenmare and Waterville.

In response to a query raised by Cllr. J. Healy Rae, Mr. Teahan stated that it isn't listed but will endeavor to get it listed.

Cllr. P. Connor Scarteen PROPOSED that the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the South & West Kerry Municipal District be adopted.

Cllr. J. Healy Rae SECONDED the proposal.

A vote was taken on the proposal, which resulted as follows:

For: (8) Cllrs. M. Cahill, P. Connor-Scarteen, J.F. Flynn, J. Healy-Rae, D. McCarthy, N. Moriarty, M O' Shea, D. Quigg, N Moriarty,

Absent: Cllr. S Cosáí Fitzgerald.

Ms. B Conway declared the proposal to be carried.

(b) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) to consider:

- (a) The Chief Executives Report on submissions & observations received in relation to the proposed addition to the Record of Protected Structures of:
- i. Single Story Structure (First Message Building), The Slate Yard, Farranreagh, Knightstown, Valentia Island, County Kerry.
 - ii. Single Storey Structure, Coarha Beg, Valentia Island, County Kerry.

Mr. D. Ginty read the report into the record of the meeting.

Cllr. D. Quiqq PROPOSED that pursuant to the provisions of Section 55 of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) to consider:

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Cllr. N. Moriarty SECONDED the proposal.

A vote was taken on the proposal, which resulted as follows:

For: (8) Cllrs. M. Cahill, P. Connor-Scarteen, J.F. Flynn, J. Healy-Rae, D. McCarthy, N. Moriarty, M O' Shea, D. Quigg, N Moriarty,

Absent: Cllr. S Cosáí Fitzgerald.

Ms. B Conway declared the proposal to be carried.

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Absent: Cllr. S Cosáí Fitzgerald.

Ms. B Conway declared the proposal to be carried.

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

Business Support Unit (LEO)

Promotion of activities continue across the MD with the current delivery of a Business Start Up Programme in Cahersiveen. A Digital marketing Programme is scheduled for Cahersiveen. Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition is attracting strong interest across the district with over 30 entries received.

Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with 18 applications presently awaiting assessment. The LEO continues to deliver clinics across the MD. There is strong interest in the Student Enterprise Awards which is coordinated from the Cahersiveen LEO office with the final scheduled for 22nd March. Two businesses from the MD were successful in the County Enterprise Awards. These include Lorge Chocolatier and Ashes of Annascaul. Ashes will represent Co. Kerry in the National Finals.

Tourism Development

KENMARE-BEARA NETWORKING EVENT

The Tourism Unit of Kerry County Council and the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum in association with Fáilte Ireland, hosted a networking event for tourism providers on the 28th March 2019. This event was for businesses located in the Kenmare, Kilgarvan, Beara, Sneem, Castlecove, Tousist, Ardgroom, Adrigole, Glengarriff and surrounding areas. Representatives from visitor attractions, activity providers, accommodation providers, tour guides etc. were in attendance. The event provided a structured networking opportunity, increased the attendees' knowledge of the tourism products on offer in the locality and facilitated greater cross-selling across the various sectors in order to increase visitor spending and dwell time.

Community Development

CLÁR 2019

The measures being funded under the 2019 CLÁR programme are:

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety measures

Measure 2: Play Areas (including Multi-Use Games Areas)

Measure 3: Community Wellbeing Supports (new in 2019), comprising:

- First Response Support
- Mobility and Cancer Care Transport
- Sensory Gardens

Up to 15 applications in total will be invited from Kerry Co Co in respect of Measures 1 and 2.

Measures 3a and 3b will mainly be operated directly by the Department and will be open to established organisations/groups that operate entirely on a voluntary basis, and who are involved in (a) emergency rescue/first response efforts or (b) in the provision of transport services, free of charge, to people requiring wheelchair accessible vehicles to access day care or other medical

therapy or respite services and/or those requiring transport to/from hospitals for treatment under the National Cancer Care Programme.

Measure 3c will be operated by Local Authorities as lead partners, in cooperation with voluntary groups involved in the provision of services for people with disabilities.

See Kerry Co Co website for Application Forms. Closing date 9th April 2019 for Kerry Co Co submissions.

Socio Economic Plans

A public meeting was held on February 11th in Cahersiveen to commence the process of developing the plan. Following the meeting, individual meetings were held with groups and a survey was circulated. Further meetings will be held before the end of March.

The process has commenced in Kenmare, and there is a meeting of community leaders on 27th March and this will be followed by an online survey.

The project is being funded by LEADER with support from Kerry Co Co.

Community Support Fund 2019

A total of 77 projects were supported under the 2019 Scheme. Letters of offer including Conditions of Support have now been issued.

Community Support Fund 2017 and 2018

A number of groups (6 in total) remain to be paid for the 2017 Community Support Fund and these groups have been contacted by Tony Taggart with a view to closing these files. Of the 81 projects approved under the 2018 Scheme 71 groups have received the 1st payment and 66 files have been completed to date.

Smart Village Case Study Killorglin

Noel Spillane, SKDP, two representatives from the Chamber Alliance and the MD Officer attended and presented at the Smart Village Case Study conference in Brussels on 21st and 22nd February last.

As previously reported, Killorglin was accepted as an EU case study for a pilot project on smart eco-social villages. At the conference a definition of Smart Villages was presented, and contributions were made to the on-going discussion on the future of the EU Smart Village+ policy. It was announced that there will be major EU funding in this area in the future.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017

Since the last meeting, the files on the three projects that received funding in 2017 have been completed. These include The Reeks District Project, the Kenmare project and the Milltown Community Hall project.

The Reeks District is seeking to build on the accolade received as one of the Top 6 places in the world to visit. The Rough Guides travel website ranked the area around the Macgillycuddy's Reeks at number three on its ['Six Regions on our Radar'](#) list behind Yunnan in China and the Ibera Wetlands in Argentina.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018

Work is ongoing with the successful projects as follows:

Killorglin - Killorglin Town Centre Project: The AGM of the Killorglin Chamber Alliance was held on the 6th March and it was agreed to wait to commence work on this project until the new committee is in place. This project sets out to address the dereliction and vacant properties that

exist in the town. A meeting has been held to progress this project through the Chamber Alliance.

Kenmare - Street Trading Development Project - Phase One. This first element involves the enhancement of the vicinity where trading will now take place and the works proposed are refurbishment of the railings around the Park in the town centre. The second element is the proposed development of an online route planner with specific local information for visitors to Kenmare which would assist in promoting the newly regulated market. Work on the Route Planner has commenced.

Skellig CRI - A university outreach campus to facilitate, deliver and manage higher education and research in the Skellig Region through the promotion of Skellig CRI locally, nationally and internationally. This work is ongoing and an updated report was given at the public meeting in Cahersiveen on February 11th.

LEADER and SKDP

There have been two LEADER Evaluation meetings held since the last meeting, on the 5th and 25th March. The MD Officer is the Kerry Co Co nominee on the SKDP LEADER evaluation committee.

Rural Regeneration Scheme

The application relating to the Kenmare Ceann Mhara site was successful and was announced in the second round of funding.

The Valentia Transatlantic Cable Station Application was successful in the first round of announcements.

The other Applications submitted include the following;

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| Cat 2 Application | KEN2.0 | Kenmare Peninsula Lands |
| Cat 1 Application | VAL1.0 | Valentia - Transatlantic Cable Station |
| Cat1 Application | DIN1.0 | Dingle -Green Street/Public Realm |

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|-------------------|--------|---------------------------------|
| Cat 2 Application | DIN2.0 | Dingle Boatyard Site Masterplan |
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| Cat 1 Application | MILL1.0 | Milltown - Public Realm Design Masterplan |
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Ongoing queries

There are ongoing queries and meeting requests which the MD office staff members are responding to on a daily basis.

LAMA Community & Council Awards

The Halloween Howl Project, Kenmare won its category in these national awards. As previously reported two projects from the Sth and West MD had been shortlisted under these All Ireland Community and Council Awards sponsored by IPB and LAMA. The other project was The Reeks District.

Kerry Age Friendly Update March 2019

In Kerry, the official Age Friendly programme commenced almost 10 years after the first programme which was established in Co Louth in 2008. However in Kerry much work had been

achieved by groups with support from Agencies such as the HSE. During the past eighteen months the formal AF programme got underway it is intended to build on this work during 2019.

Progress Update

- In September the Age Friendly Strategy was adopted by the Kerry Local Community Development Committee, and having been previously adopted by Kerry County Council, it was noted at the full Council meeting. The Strategy was due to be launched in November but had to be translated into Irish as is a required policy. The translation was received in mid December. Due to the change in scope, the document had to go out to tender again. In addition, photos that we had been able to use previously are now subject to GDPR conditions and the correct permissions had to be sought. We are working with the printers and the Launch format has been agreed with the Older Peoples Council. It is planned to coincide with a Bealtaine event.
- In the meantime, we are proceeding to implement actions from the Strategy.
- The Community Enhancement Programme was allocated to the Age Friendly Work Programme and while the LCDC is the awarding body, the Kerry Age Friendly Co-ordinator was involved in the Assessment process and monitoring implementation. In September Kerry Co Co was awarded additional funding and this is now also been allocated with emphasis on intergenerational projects, home maintenance schemes and projects promoting access for all. In total " 380,000 was allocated to over 90 projects across the county. This did not happen in any other area.
- 35 people attended the Public Realm Training run by the Local Authority for Planners, Local Development and HSE staff members. This was held on December 12th 2018 and delivered by Mr Jack Keyes.
- In July 2018, Kerry achieved World Health Organisation Age Friendly programme affiliation.
- Kerry OPC was represented at the national Convention of Older Peoples Councils on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th November, 2018. National OPC Convention seminars have taken place on a rotating basis since September 2014. This time the National Convention was hosted by Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Older Persons Council. The purpose of this convention is to allow Older Peoples Councils to network and share experiences and identify priority issues. The event also provides a platform for specialist speakers on a range of topics selected by older people.
- The interim Older Peoples Council (OPC) was formed, and work will continue to review and develop a new structure during 2019. The group met three times in 2018 and has had one meeting to date in 2019. Funding was secured from the Community Support Fund to support the development of the OPC
- Meetings have been held with Kerry Library Service regarding the designation of an Age Friendly Library service. It has been agreed that there will be a parallel approach. Kerry Library Service is designating one Library as an Age Friendly Library initially but will incorporate specific age friendly services throughout the Library service countywide. The OPC has been consulted on this initiative and some really good ideas were proposed in relation to Book Clubs, Poetry Clubs and practical advice for people using Libraries.
- The Arts Office attended the Older Peoples Council meeting in relation to the Bealtaine festival and some good ideas resulted. There will be a specific initiative in relation to dance.
- Discussions have been held with the Local Enterprise Office to roll out an Age Friendly Business training and booklet which provides a guide to business owners. This will be complete within the next two months.

- A number of walkability audits have been carried out in different towns using different funding streams and Kerry Age Friendly programme is collating this information to identify what has been completed and where gaps exist and most importantly to consider the recommendations.
- It has been agreed by the OPC that a further awareness campaign take place in relation to the importance of Post Codes and it is proposed to make fridge magnets available.
- The OPC has further recommended that the lack of Defibrillators on trains be highlighted.
- Age and Opportunity has an initiative called Cultural Companions which has been rolled out in Co Clare. The feasibility of this will be looked at and presented to the OPC for consideration.
- The Coordinator is currently planning a meeting to consider the different funding streams . eg SICAP, KRSP, Healthy Ireland, Arts Dept, and Housing etc to identify the projects/activities that are being undertaken for older people. This report will be considered by the Steering Group and presented to the LCDC.
- A meeting of the AF Steering Group will be held in April.

(b) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council prioritise the towns of Caherciveen and Killorglin Town for the Business Incentive Grants Scheme and help address the large number of vacant and derelict properties in these Towns. This scheme has the potential to address a number of issues such as encouraging people to invest in their properties, start up small businesses, create jobs, help the local economy, encourage people to live in the area. The scheme will also encourage visitors to stop, shop and stay in these regions. I also call on Kerry County Council to prioritise Caherciveen and Killorglin for the Shop Front Grant's Scheme when it is introduced.

Reply: Kerry County Council has prepared a Business Incentive Scheme for long term vacancies, and it has been agreed that this should be piloted in Tralee from the beginning of April.

Once this pilot in Tralee has been assessed, it may be considered for other areas in the county. Kerry County Council together with the South Kerry Development Partnership has undertaken Socio Economic Planning with both towns and streetscape improvements are already being addressed in co-operation with the Community and Chamber Alliances and Tidy Towns Groups.

2. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council would immediately reconnect the public lighting at Carriag An Duin estate, Milltown as takeover of the estate is in progress.

Reply: Kerry County Council are processing this taking in charge application in accordance with our Taking in Charge of Estates Policy and our Memorandum of Understanding with Irish Water. The Operations Department are currently arranging for a survey of the public lighting in this estate to be carried out. Once the survey has been completed and the results are available, the matter will be reviewed.

3.Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask will Kerry County Council write to Failte Ireland to extend the Wild Atlantic Way down towards Maharees & Schraghane pier.

Reply: Kerry County Council has requested Fáilte Ireland to consider extending the Wild Atlantic Way down towards Maharees & Schraghane pier and recommended that they do so. This will form part of the wider national review of the 2500 km route currently being undertaken by RPS Consultants and they are expected to issue their independent report to Fáilte Ireland in early June.

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

Environment, Fire & Library Services Report

South & West Kerry Municipal District

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

County Clean Up 2019 and National Spring Clean

The launch of County Clean Up 2019 took place in the Ballygarry Hotel on Tuesday 12th March next ahead of the annual Tidy Towns Seminar. Now in its eight year and with the support of Kerry County Council and KWD Recycling, the County Clean-up will take place on Saturday, 13th April next. Last year, 5,500 volunteers gathered 6,000 bags of litter on the day in their own localities which left the county of Kerry looking spick and span.

The annual Spring Clean Campaign will again take place this year in April and May. Kerry County Council will work in tandem with over 200 volunteer groups by co-ordinating clean-ups and providing bags, gloves and litter pickers for those involved.

Fire Services

Business Unit Manager: Vincent Hussey, A/Chief Fire Officer

- **Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:**

- There were 219 incidents up to the end of February 2018 compared to 216 incidents for the same period in 2018.

Gorse fires at 53 were at the same figure as for the same period last year.

Chimney fires were at 28 which is down from the 39 for the same period last year

Road Traffic Collisions were at 21 which is up compared to 14 for the same period last year

Operations Statistics:

| Fires | Jan-Feb 2018 | Jan-Feb 2019 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Chimney Fires | 39 | 28 |
| Gorse Fires | 53 | 53 |
| Other Fires | 19 | 32 |
| Fires Total | 111 | 113 |
| <i>Special Services</i> | | |
| Entrapment | 3 | 3 |
| Gas/Chemicals | 0 | 2 |
| Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire | 0 | 0 |
| Hazardous Substances non-Transit | 0 | 0 |
| Machinery | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 20 | 16 |
| Other rescue | 6 | 6 |
| Rescue/Removal of persons from water | 1 | 2 |
| Road traffic accident | 14 | 21 |
| Water pumping/flooding | 2 | 0 |
| Special Services Total | 46 | 50 |
| False Alarms Number | | |
| Malicious | | 2 |
| Good Intent | 24 | 19 |
| False Alarms Total | 24 | 21 |
| Total Number of Incidents | 181 | 184 |
| Total Number of Mobilisations | 216 | 219 |

Building Control Statistics:

| | Jan-Feb 2018 | Jan-Feb 2019 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received | 19 | 22 |
| Disability Access Certificate Applications Received | 15 | 22 |
| Commencement Notices Received | 87 | 83 |

Library Services

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

Library service:

- **Library E-services**

The increased usage of library e-services is one of the key growth areas across libraries nationwide.

Usage of library online services very much compliments the traditional library book lending service. All library members have access, either on library premises or from remote locations, to a wide range of e-books, e-magazines, e-audiobooks, e-newspapers, e-training courses and e-languages. Kerry Library also provides free access at libraries to the genealogical website www.findmypast.ie.

The usage of all these resources continues to grow, reaching **97,674** usages in **2018**, up 66% on the previous year. All are available **free of charge** with access through the website www.kerrylibrary.ie

During 2018, Kerry Library continued with the in-house programme of digitising unique Kerry related material located in its Library Local History & Archives Section. This has resulted in the **digitisation of the Irish Tourist Association Kerry archive**. *The ITA Topographical and General Survey was carried out during the period 1942-1945 to assess the level of tourist amenities and facilities that existed in the country, and to identify areas with potential for development. Towns and villages were surveyed by the ITA under the following headings: Natural features, antiquities and historic associations, sports and games, amenities, general information and accommodation. Many of the original, completed, forms for County Kerry (covering 42 parish areas) were donated to Kerry Library by the Irish Tourist Association many years ago. This digitised material (and associated photographs) will shortly be added to the online digital archive on the Kerry Library Local History & Archives webpage.*

~ **Right to Read programme 2019**

Kerry Library will again be participating in the national Right to Read programme during 2019. It features 4 Strands . the *Spring into Storytime* initiative [April], the *Summer Reading programme* [June . August], *Children's Book Festival* [October] and the *Family Reading and Literacy initiative* [November & December].

A programme is currently being put in place for Strand 1 ó *Spring into Storytime* ó when facilitated story reading sessions will be held at each Kerry Library. Spring into Storytime is a national story-time initiative in public libraries which is running during April. It celebrates the importance of families reading together and sharing stories.

The aim is to invite parents and children to visit the library, spend time there, engage with reading and to take away books for home reading. While there, parents will have access to a variety of resources and tips on reading with children and how to tell stories, etc. This will further help to encourage shared reading at home and develop fun family conversations around reading. Sessions are aimed at the 3 to 8 age group and are free of charge.

~ **Library events programme** - countywide details at www.kerrylibrary.ie

SOUTH AND WEST KERRY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

Achoimre Stádais ar an 11ú Márta 2019

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at 21st March 2019

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

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 THAR
WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA**

| Project | Status |
|--|---|
| Kenmare Water Supply Scheme | The new €2.8M water treatment plant , built by contractors Glan Agua Ltd at Lissyclearig Upper, was operated and maintained by the Contractor for the initial year until February 2019 . The operation and maintenance of the plant has now reverted to KCC Water Services / IW. |
| Mountain Stage WSS | Construction by contractor Veolia Ltd of the new €2M Water Treatment Plant at Letter West is underway - the works are to be completed in the Autumn. |
| Lauragh Water Treatment Plant | The water quality of the newly drilled well source is very good. Upgrade Works of value " 350,000 are to be completed at the Water Treatment Plant in April 2019. |
| Kilgarvan Water Treatment Plant | A further €500,000 upgrade to the treatment process was completed in December 2018. |

**TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THAR
WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA**

| Project | Status |
|--|---|
| Castlemaine Waste Water | Tenders, as part of a bundle with other WWTPs (in other counties) were received by IW in July 2018 for a proposed circa €1.3M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant ; Construction is planned for 2019. |
| Kenmare Waste Water | The proposed €10M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant was approved by Irish Water in February 2015. A Consulting Engineer has been appointed. A Flow / Loading Survey was completed in August 18. It is intended that a Planning Application and Environmental Impact Report will be lodged in June 2019 with a view to construction in late 2020. |
| Annascaul Waste Water | Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Feasibility study submitted to Irish Water; Preferred site identified; valuer to be appointed by IW for Land Acquisition process. |
| Baile An Fheirtéaraigh Waste Water | Irish Water recommends that the upgrade be considered as part of National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP), under which IW is currently assessing over five hundred plants. |
| Castlegregory Waste Water Treatment Plant | Plant Upgrade; KCC made a submission to IW requesting funding of " 1.2M in June 2018; A new site, adjacent to the old, has been acquired. |
| Kilgarvan Waste Water | A proprietary package treatment plant, commissioned in 2015, is operating satisfactorily. 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

This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works**. **Projects of value €9M 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, is outlined below.

| MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME for SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREAS | | | |
|---|---|-----------------|--|
| Project | Description | Estimate | Status |
| Emlaghpeasta WSS Aghagadda | Lay 1800M of 160MM uPVC water main | " 216,000 | Complete |
| Portmagee WSS Knightstown | Provision of Reservoir, 1830M rising Main and 650M distribution mains | " 275,000 | Pipes laid, site acquired and Planning process complete . reservoir installation April and May 2019 |
| Portmagee, Baile Mór and Dún Chaoin Water Treatment Plants | Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tanks. (Baile Mór completed) | " 30,000 | Underway |
| Baile An Fheirtéaraigh WSS - An Cat Dubh | Replace mains and lay new mains; 385M/160MM, 445M/110MM, and 520M/65MM | " 105,000 | Underway |
| MKRWSS Callinafersy | Replace 1.5Km of old main with 110MM uPVC pipe | " 180,000 | Approved |
| MKRWSS Cooleanig Kilgobnet | Replace 2.1Km of old main with 110MM uPVC pipe | " 315,000 | Approved |
| Mid Kerry RWSS Board Of Works Rd | Replace 2.78Km of 300MM Trunk Main to Gap Cross | " 780,000 | Requested |
| Approximate Total of <u>APPROVED</u> Works not yet done | | €650,000 | |

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the **Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government**. **Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.**

The Department's **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 - 2018** is now to be superseded - Invited submissions for the next **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme** were made by KCC Water Services to the **DoHP&LG** on the 15th March 2019.

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 DoHP&LG 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) and Tuosist (" 25K), and it is expected that these Schemes will again be included in the imminent Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2019 . 2021.

Four relatively large GWSSs . Bonane, Rossdohan, Tuosist and Dawros - are currently being prepared by KCC for recommendation to IW to take over these schemes.

In response to a request from **Cllr. J. F. Flynn** for an update on the Board of Works Road, **Mr. C. Mangan** stated that 1.4km has been done. Kerry County Council has asked Irish Water for funding. It will be a long process. The works that have been done have improved things, 400m will be completed at a time and there is 2.4kms to do in total.

Ms. S. Griffin advised that the Clár closing date is 9th April 2019.

Cllr. J. Healy Rae requested an update regarding Dun Buí. What is Kerry County Councils next step in taking over this estate and making good the road?

Mr. G. O'Brien replied that there has been correspondence from the Management company. Housing Estates Engineer has to carry out a survey. We have no funding to do any work. From estates where there is no funding or bond, it will be done when funds are available.

Cllr. M. Cahill supported this motion.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council take into consideration the fact that Beaufort is a large Parish and the fact that Churchtown Cemetery is almost at capacity by acquiring additional lands for a Burial Ground as a matter of priority.

Reply: Kerry County Council are actively seeking additional land for a burial ground in Beaufort. Churchtown Cemetery has in the region of 47 grave plots remaining and has adequate capacity for another 5 or 6 years.

2. Cllr. D Quigg: That this Council look at the prospect of purchasing a Commercial building in Killorglin town Centre and opening it up as a Museum, we have a number of attractions such as the Bewick Art Collection, Puck Fair, the oldest Fair in the Country, K-Fest, and also the First Casualties of the 1916 Easter Rising, this is but to name a few of the attractions that would indeed attract Tourist Footfall 12 months of the year, it would also demonstrate our commitment as a council to dealing with vacant commercial properties in our small towns and villages throughout the County, we must lead by example.

Reply: The Kerry County Museum located at the Ashe Memorial Tralee is the receptacle of the Historic elements of the county of Kerry. This facility tells the story through static presentations and the Geraldine Experience of the interpretation of the history of our county. There are no plans to develop another museum and no capital funding available for same.

3.Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: An gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Bosca Vrúscar isteach sa relig in Dún Úrlann I mBaile an Fheirtéaraigh?

3. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: Can Kerry County Council put a rubbish bin inside the graveyard in Ballyferriter?

Feagra: Tá breis is 150 reilig faoi chúram Comhairle Contae Chiarraí agus gan bosca bruscair sa chuid is mó daoibh. Spreagann na comharthaí ar na reiligi gan bruscar a chaitheamh iontu ach é a thabhairt abhaile leo.

Reply: Kerry County Council manage in excess of 150 graveyards across the County and the vast majority of these do not have bins. We actively encourage people to take their waste home and this message is conveyed through signage in the graveyards.

4. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Where is the nearest green waste depot to Kenmare?

Reply: The nearest location to Kenmare for depositing green waste would be the KWD Facility at Aghacureen, Killarney. Both from a cost and a licensing perspective, the Council are not in a position to introduce such a service. There are many options available to people to dispose of green waste through composting and mulching etc. Grass clipping left on a lawn can add back up to 25% of the nutrients that growth removes from the soil. Community groups such as Tidy Towns are encouraged to switch to mulching of grass which does not then require offsite disposal and the Council have assisted some groups in acquiring the necessary attachments for their grass cutting equipment.

Cllr. D. McCarthy noted the response but added that there is no place for grass cuttings.

5. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Would Kerry County Council consider putting in a car park at the old Kenmare Graveyard.

Reply: In light of the Councils financial commitment to the ongoing burial ground development programme in the County, regrettably the we are not in a position to consider the provision of a car park at this location.

6. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: Can Kerry County Council please give a detailed update on the sewerage plant in Kenmare as this is holding up badly needed housing.

Reply: Irish Water is currently preparing a Planning Application for the Upgrade of the Kenmare Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Depending on there being a positive outcome to the Planning procedure later this year, construction is scheduled to commence in 2020, subject to Irish Water's standard budget approval process. This is a substantial infrastructural project and it is anticipated that the works will be completed in 2022.

Cllr. D. McCarthy *SECONED Cllr. Healy Rae's Notice of Motion and stated that it is a matter of urgency that this be done.*

In response to concerns raised by Cllr. J. Healy Rae and Cllr. D. McCarthy, Mr. J. Breen stated that Kerry County Council have concerns based on the decision which was similar in Glenbeigh.

Kerry County Council are no longer the water authority, we are the planning authority and we would have the same concerns. Inspectors report on Kenmare there is constraints on development, which Kerry County Council has flagged to Irish Water on behalf of the Councillors. The County Development Plan will include this consideration.

(c) Questions

1.Cllr. M. O’ Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council would purchase lands adjoining Inch beach for the purpose of car parking and creating facilities & amenities.

Reply: Kerry County Council have been and will continue to seek to acquire land adjacent to Inch Beach for the purpose of car parking and the development of ancillary facilities. To date, these attempts have proven unsuccessful. As previously outlined to members, the majority of the lands adjoining the beach have designations attached to them. The upgrading of other facilities would have to be considered in the context of the overall plan for the beach and the likely financial implications involved. Our Tourism Strategy also includes a proposal to upgrade facilities at Inch Beach subject to funding becoming available.

29.03.19.04 (a) To note update report from Housing Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

HOUSING REPORT SOUTH & WEST

Municipal District.

1 Housing Applications

| | <u>No</u> |
|---|------------------|
| Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice | 996 |
| Net Need for S&W MD (excluding transfers) | 715 |
| No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice | 51 |
| No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice | 28 |

Breakdown by Bed No.

| | |
|-------|-----|
| 1-Bed | 488 |
| 2-Bed | 295 |
| 3-Bed | 186 |
| 4-Bed | 25 |
| 5-Bed | 2 |

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Total | 996 |
|--------------|-----|

2 Void Management

| Municipal District breakdown | No |
|---|-----------|
| Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated | 4 |
| Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated | 0 |
| Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs | 5 |
| Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation | 4 |
| Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation | 2 |
| Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District | 15 |

3 Social Housing Options

| Social Housing Options in MD | New tenancies in 2019. | Total No of tenancies as at 31/12/2019 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| LA Housing | 27 | 1020 |
| RAS | 1 | 127 |
| Leasing | 2 | 89 |
| HAP | 20 | 127 |
| Total no of Tenancies | 50 | 1363 |

4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Program

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> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Drom West, Glenbeigh | 1 No. | 3-bed | May 2019 | Feb. 2020 |
| Ballnakilly, Glenbeigh | 1 No. | 4-bed | June 2019 | April 2020 |

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> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tullig Beg, Cromane | 1 No. | 3-bed | Aug. 2018 | June 2019 |
| Meanus, Killorglin | 1 No. | 3-bed | Sept. 2018 | July 2019 |
| Cuirt Eaglaise, Milltown | 8 No. | 4 No. 2-bed 4 No. 3-bed | Dec. 2018 | Nov. 2019 |
| Ardmoniel, Killorglin | 14 No. | 2-bed | Jan. 2019 | Dec. 2019 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Owngarry, Killorglin | 1 No. | 4-bed | Jan. 2019 | Oct. 2019 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|

House Acquisitions 2019.

| <u>Location</u> | <u>No of dwellings</u> | <u>Type of dwellings</u> | <u>Month of purchase</u> |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Milltown | 1 | 4-bed | February |
| Sales are progressing on the purchase of a further three houses in the S&W MD. | | | |
| The purchase of 1 turnkey property in Killorglin is currently being finalised. | | | |

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

From 1st January 2019, 336 No. requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

From 1st January 2019, 25 No. grants have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

From 1st January 2019, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

(b) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That we provide or acquire 1-bedroom units in towns and villages throughout the Municipal District, there is great need for this type of social housing.

Reply: Kerry County Council is actively pursuing the provision of properties of all bedroom types including 1-bedroom units and have recently advertised an Expression of Interest for Turnkey proposals.

However, from a value for money perspective the delivery of one bedroom units can be prohibitive relative to two or three bedroom units.

(b) Questions

1.Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask the Director of Housing that when constructing social houses, especially Three & Four bedroom semidetached, that they facilitate occupants with a downstairs bedroom as this has been requested by many who may in time suffer from disabilities etc.

Reply: For new Housing developments, the unit design follows DHPLG Guidance Document Quality Housing for Sustainable Communities Overall dwelling floor areas and optimal room sizes require dwelling designs to have very efficient use of space. Also, in order to achieve maximum value for money and appropriate density on development sites, a compact dwelling footprint is required. For these reasons, three- and four-bedroom houses are normally designed over two or more storeys. For the majority of newly constructed multi storey dwellings dwelling therefore, there will not be a downstairs bedroom

Building Regulations require all dwelling to be accessible to visitors. However for a dwelling for a tenant with specific additional requirements e.g. a tenant in a wheelchair, floor areas must be increased to allow for adequate turning, provision of adequate sanitary facilities and overall improved circulation throughout the whole dwelling. In those cases, Single storey accommodation is preferable meaning a larger dwelling foot print and increased costs. The provision of such specific accommodation is only possible where the specific tenant is identified at the design stage and their individual needs are incorporated in the design proposal for Department consideration. This process would normally involve consultation with the perspective tenant and consideration of their specific medical and other requirements including Occupational Therapy reports.

We currently have a process in place to provide for specific units within all our new development for tenants with disabilities. Our Capital Infrastructure Unit is currently including a proportion of single storey units within many development schemes which could potentially accommodate tenants with a disability, subject to suitable fit-out prior to taking up a tenancy. These have included 1,2 & 3 bedroomed units. CIU will continue to identify suitable developments to include such units and consider the accessibility of larger units also.

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

The following report was noted.

**South and West Kerry Municipal District Meeting – 29th March 2019
Update Report from the Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety**

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 Sneem to Blackwater Bridge (Ankail to Doon) Road Project -2019 Allocation- " 250k:-

- Design and Preparation of EIAR is ongoing. It is anticipated that the CPO/EIAR will be published in Q2 2019, subject to TII approval.

N70 Glanbehy Bridge Improvement Scheme - 2019 Allocation " 150k:-

- Options have been identified and are being appraised.

- Bridge Consultant has been appointed to prepare the necessary Bridge Technical Acceptance Report ahead of the Statutory Planning Process which will be undertaken later in 2019.

N70 Creamery Cross

- Bridge Consultant has been appointed to prepare the necessary Bridge Technical Acceptance Report ahead of the Statutory Planning Process.

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack . 2019 Allocation -" 100k

- Preliminary Design Documentation and Appraisal documentation is being finalised
- Statutory Consent process for Planning and Land Acquisition will be undertaken in 2019. It is likely to be a Section 177AE / CPO application to An Bord Pleanala.

N70 Brackaharagh . 2019 Allocation -" 100k

- Land acquisition (by agreement) ongoing. Approx. 50% agreed in principal.
- Topographical Survey ongoing
- Procurement for Ground Investigation and Archaeological Testing ongoing.
- Detailed Design to commence in Q2 2019.

N70 Derreenafoyle

- Project on hold

N70 Castlemaine to Milltown - 2019 Allocation - " 100k

- Route Selection Report due to be completed in Q2 2019 with a view to completing the Preliminary Design and commencing the Statutory Planning Process by the end of 2019.

N72 Minor Works Scheme between Killorglin Bridge and Anglont-

- Engineering /Structural consultants have been appointed in to identify suitable retaining wall structures and to take the scheme through the Statutory Consent process in 2019

N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp -2019 Allocation- " 2M:-

- Land acquisition and will continue through 2019.

N86 Ballynasare Lower to Annascaul and Doonore North to Ballygarret -2019 Allocation- " 1.8M:

- Procurement of Consultant is ongoing and appointment is expected in April 2019.
 - Detailed Design and Tender Documents for the Construction Contract to be prepared during 2019.
- Topographical Surveying/ Archaeological Testing and GI will be carried out in coming months.

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

N86 Lispole to Ballynasare Lower & Ballygarret to Camp -2019 Allocation- " 1M:

- Works are complete.
- Project to be closed out in 2019.

N70 Kilderry Bends -2019 Allocation- " 1.0M:-

- Construction works are progressing well and are nearing substantial completion.
- It is anticipated that the entire scheme will be fully operational in early April 2019, c. 3 months ahead of schedule.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works
Pavement overlay and associated works

Status of Projects at Construction Stage

| Road No. | Location | Length (m) | Current Allocation | Comment |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| N70 | Tinnahally to Mill Road, Killorglin. | 1,300 | " 3.5m | <p>Glas Civil Engineering Ltd., Clonmore, Cahir, Co. Tipperary commenced construction work on the 8th January 2019 in Killorglin Town.</p> <p>The works which entail new pavement construction, drainage works and ancillary works are progressing well with approximately 30% complete to date.</p> <p>Works are planned to be substantially complete on the Killorglin Town side of the Bridge by Easter Weekend, 18th April 2019. Works will progress from the N70 Tralee/ N72 Killarney road roundabout in the direction of Tralee after Easter 2019.</p> |
| N70 | Dromquinna | 900 | " 1.1m | <p>This contract has been awarded to Roadstone Ltd.</p> <p>Construction work is underway since January 14th 2019 and will run until April/ May 2019.</p> <p>Major construction phase of works now complete</p> <p>Works entail vertical realignment, new Pavement Construction/ Drainage Works and ancillary works.</p> |

Status of Projects at Design Stage

| Road No. | Location | Length (m) | Current Allocation | Comment |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|---|
| N70 | Waterville to River Inny Bridge | 6,000 | " 3.5m | Final Tender Documents are being reviewed and the tender will be published shortly. |
| N71 | Molls Gap to Kenmare | 5,100 | " 50k | <p>Transport Infrastructure Ireland approved the following to proceed to detailed design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N71 Kilkeena to Kenmare pavement scheme. • N71 Kenmare Safety Scheme including the provision of a footpath to Ard Bhearna and pedestrian facilities at the junction of the N70 and N71. <p>The overall scheme may well be undertaken in 2 phases. Phase 1 will require a pavement overlay from Kilkeena to the Ard Bhearna Estate. The section from Ard Bhearna to Kenmare will be Phase 2 to allow time for statutory procedures associated with the traffic calming elements to be completed.</p> <p>The design process is substantially complete. However, a Compulsory Purchase Order may be required for all elements of the design at the N70/N71 Junction and this matter will be kept under review in consultation with TII.</p> |

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme Restoration Maintenance Programme

These programmes are included in the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan that will be considered under Item C(a) of the agenda.

Specific Improvement Grants

| <i>Description</i> | <i>Allocation</i> | <i>Status</i> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 4 | " 1m | The construction phase of the scheme is progressing and 100% completion in Q2, 2019 is being targeted. |

Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure

An update in relation to the works scheduled to be carried out under the above programme is included in Appendix A.

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, footpath maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. Capital Infrastructure

South Kerry Greenway

The Planning Application and CPO documentation has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála (ABP). The closing date for submissions to ABP was October 19th 2018. A copy of the planning application and CPO are available for inspection on the KCC website www.kerrycoco.ie. An Bord Pleanála have issued a request for further information in relation to the application. The date for return of this information is 8th April 2019. KCC are currently preparing a response to the FI request. A date for any Oral Hearing has not yet been fixed by ABP.

Anyone affected by the proposed greenway can contact the CIU section for further information on any matter.

3. Other Operational Matters

Piers and Harbours Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2019

Departmental grants have not yet been announced for 2019.

Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 97

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days (since last meeting . incl. routine maintenance): 85

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 6

Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days . Spreadsheet giving details attached in Appendix B.

OPW Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme

A sum of " 500,000 has been allocated by the OPW for coastal protection works at Rossbeigh. These works are ongoing at present.

Charlie O'Sullivan
Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

APPENDIX

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure / Clár / 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 |
|--|--|--------------------|--|--|
| Milltown | Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail | " 100,000 | Q2, 2019 | It has not proved possible to advance the original proposal and alternative route options for this trail are now being examined. |

APPENDIX B

| Job Ticket ID | Defect Description | Unit Number | Postal Street Name | Date Reported | Reason |
|---------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------|--|
| 7023 | Lamp out | 1461 | John Street Dingle | 04/03/2019 | Additional traffic management required |
| 6781 | Lamp out | 4911 | Valentia Bridge | 06/02/2019 | Cable fault |
| 6779 | Lamp out | 4909 | Valentia Bridge | 06/02/2019 | Cable fault |

(b) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That this council surface dress the area in the vicinity of Coonana Pier, provide additional car parking and carryout a major clean up and make this naturally beautiful area more presentable

REPLY: The clean-up of this area along with the provision of additional parking and surface dressing may be suitable for an application for funding under the Department of Community and Rural Development's Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and this proposal will be considered further when the Department makes a call for applications from local authorities in 2019.

However, the removal of boats, lobster pots and trailers must be carried out before any works can commence and the Council will be relying on the users of the pier to help facilitate any improvement works that may be funded.

2.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council "Take In Charge" as a matter of priority the very busy road at Cromane that services Cromane GAA Grounds, Kerry County Council's Burial Ground, the Public Playground, the Sportsfield and the brand new Preschool.

REPLY: Kerry County Council currently has 3,924 km of local roads. In previous reports presented to full Council the condition of the road network was outlined along with the significant costs that would be required to bring these roads up to standard. Currently over 50% of secondary and tertiary roads are classified as being in poor or very poor condition. Furthermore, given the rural nature of the county, the length of road network per head of population is approximately 50% above the national average. The issue of taking roads in charge previously arose around 2012 and it was agreed in principle that where such roads serve community and public facilities that some consideration may be given to requests for taking in charge. However, in accordance with statutory provisions the financial implications will need to be considered by members if the road is to be taken in charge.

As this road is serving community facilities and is of general public utility, the Council will further assess this proposal.

In response to Cllr. Cahills proposal that this section of road be taken in charge, Mr. P. Teahan stated that all Kerry County Council are only agreeing to is assessing this road.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That this Municipal District take into consideration the large population, including several Housing Estates, numerous one-off houses and the fact that this area is the main development area in the vicinity of Killorglin Town by prioritising the extension of the Public Footpath out the Sunhill road.

REPLY: The feasibility of provision of additional footpath infrastructure in the County and in this Municipal District was examined in detail prior to preparation of the 2019 Schedule of Municipal Works Plan that was considered under item C(a) of this agenda. Footpath improvement and maintenance works are funded from both the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Grant and the Discretionary Grant. The works that are included in this year's programme involve maintenance of the existing network and not the provision of new

footpaths. Nevertheless, the extension of the footpath on the Sunhill Road will be kept under consideration for any future funding streams for which the works may be suitable including the Department of Rural and Community Development Clár Scheme and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Land acquisition by agreement would be required to advance the footpath link, if funding was secured.

4. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: Please arrange for the road to the old graveyard in the Glen, Ballinskelligs is resurfaced.

REPLY: The L-11514 Road leading to the old Burial Ground in the Glen is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Restoration Improvement Programme for 2019 to 2021 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding. The road may also be suitable for a Community Involvement Scheme.

5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: That all bridges in this Municipal District are examined so that the branches and growth is cleared to improve visibility and safety for motorists.

REPLY: In relation to the national road network Transport Infrastructure Ireland has a comprehensive bridge management scheme in place which funds ongoing upkeep of these structures including vegetation clearance. The Council over the past number of years has also carried out principal structural inspections on all of the larger span bridge structures on the regional and local primary road network in the Municipal District. Arising from these inspections, a multi-annual maintenance and rehabilitation programme is being carried out, funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Bridge Rehabilitation Grant. This grant also provides for vegetation removal at specific bridges where necessary for structural reasons. The Council does not currently have a funded ongoing planned maintenance scheme for all of the bridges on the entire public road network. However, if there is a particular structure where vegetation is an issue then this can be brought to the attention of the Area Office who can consider what is required to deal with the matter. This may include issuing a hedge cutting notice to the landowner if the vegetation is on the approach to the bridge and not on the structure itself.

6. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: That this Municipal District cut and maintain the side ditch and common areas at Pipers View, Sunhill, Killorglin.

REPLY: The maintenance of green areas and boundary vegetation is a matter for the residents' association of each individual housing estate. The residents' association may contact South Kerry Development Partnership who administer the community work placement schemes such as Tus and RSS and who may be in a position to provide support in this area.

7. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: An ndéanfaidh an Comhairle Contae na tithe Údarás Aitiúil I mBaile an Fheirtéaraigh a pheintaíl fé mar a gealladh ós cionn dhá chliain ó shin?

7. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Can Kerry County Council paint the local houses in Ballyferriter as promised over two years ago?

FREAGRA: Tá clár ullmhaithe chun cruth níos fearr a chur ar thosach na dtithe i gCúirt Phiarais i 2019.

REPLY: There is a planned programme to improved the aesthetics of the properties in Cuit Phiarais Housing Estate fronting the streetscape in 2019.

8. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: What is the update in relation to a request from Kerry County Council to TII to erect Cattle Crossing signage east of Annascaul on the N86.

REPLY: Signage will be installed at the location in question in the next four weeks.

9.Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council consider introducing traffic calming measures on the Killiney road into Castlegregory.

REPLY: The Council will examine this location to determine if it would be suitable for a Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Safety Improvement Scheme.

10. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council would take over section of through road at Anlough Annascaul as this road is adjoining two council roads the L12244 & the L8062.

REPLY: Kerry County Council currently has 3,924 km of local roads. In previous reports presented to full Council the condition of the road network was outlined along with the significant costs that would be required to bring these roads up to standard. Currently over 50% of secondary and tertiary roads are classified as being in poor or very poor condition. Furthermore, given the rural nature of the county, the length of road network per head of population is approximately 50% above the national average. The issue of taking roads in charge previously arose around 2012 and it was agreed in principle that where such roads serve community and public facilities that some consideration may be given to requests for taking in charge. However, in accordance with statutory provisions the financial implications will need to be considered by members if the road is to be taken in charge.

This road does not serve community or public facilities and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Local Improvement Scheme is in place as an option to fund the improvements that may be needed on this road.

11. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That additional signage advising motorists to slow down and indicating a concealed entrance be erected approximately 1.5 km along the R565 after the Ohermong cross heading towards Portmagee.

REPLY: This is a private road exiting onto the R-565 and therefore warning signage in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual cannot be erected in advance of this private road on the R-565.

12.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That the debris at Carhan Bridge be removed and that the access route there be re-opened as soon as possible. This is both a health and safety issue and totally unfair that this is the sight that greets people on approach to Caherciveen.

REPLY: There are ongoing consultations taking place with regard to the removal of this material. This issue is being dealt with as a priority by the Council.

*In response to queries from Cllrs. N. Moriarty and J. Healy Rae, **Mr. P. Teahan** replied that this is not a test case. Testing is carried out on materials; other state agencies are involved. It was only meant to be temporary. It was not envisioned that this would be considered as waste material. Testing results have gone back to the EPA. If it is to be moved, we have to do it properly.*

13.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That KCC agrees to take charge of Kilkeavaragh Pier, Portmagee and make an application for funding to FLAG for same. For relatively modest money the structure can be maintained.

REPLY: Kerry County Council do not require this pier, the construction of which was funded by Trinity College. It is a masonry pier which is submerged under the water at high tide and is not a sealed unit. The general area adjacent to this pier is well served with piers and slipways.

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that she was not happy with the answer and asked if there was some sort of way that this can be a FLAG/LEADER application.

*In response to a query from Cllr. N. Moriarty regarding a FLAG/LEADER application, **Mr. P. Teahan** replied that Kerry County Council will examine this.*

14.Cllr. N. Moriarty: To have LED street lights installed at Old Market Street Caherciveen and to light up the old church in the same vicinity.

REPLY: The Road Management Office (RMO), which is a shared service offering support to Local Authorities, was tasked with developing a business case for the upgrading of the public lighting network nationally. This project is being developed to replace/retrofit all public lights with LED equivalents through a Regional Design Build LED Retrofit contract. Kerry County Council intend to upgrade all Kerry County Council operated public lighting through this project. Until such time as this countywide project is under way, only lanterns which require replacement under our maintenance regime will be changed to LED.

Kerry County Council public lighting section does not have any plans to provide dedicated lighting to illuminate the old church.

15.Cllr. D. McCarthy: Has this Municipal District any plans on upgrading the toilets in the IRD office in Waterville?

REPLY: The Council submitted an application in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for a grant to improve facilities at blue flag beaches and other coastal locations. The application included a proposal to undertake significant upgrades at a number of public conveniences including those at Waterville. The project has not been funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development to date. However, it remains an active application and will receive further examination in consultation with the Department when the next call for applications is sought and which is expected over the next number of months.

16. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Could Kerry County Council put up a street light at Black Valley Church.

REPLY: This request does comply with the adopted Kerry County Council Public Lighting Policy. Currently there are no plans for the Council to provide lighting at this location. However, this

location would be suitable for funding under the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operational Fund. Under the Public Lighting policy, a councillor can allocate funding to provide a lighting unit (6m column and LED lantern), this lighting unit shall be installed in a roadside location which does not cause a obstruction or a hazard and connected to the energy supply of the church.

As stated in the Public Lighting policy, the church shall be responsible for all costs relating to the installation, operation and future maintenance of this light. The estimated cost for the supply only of a 6m column and LED lantern is " 850.

17. Cllr. D. McCarthy: Could Kerry County Council erect a sign on the Tousist side of New Lane cross warning about a by road to the right or else a slow sign.

REPLY: The appropriate sign will be put in place within the next 2 weeks.

18. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would resurface the road between the Quay road and church, Sneem

REPLY: The road between the Quay Road and the Church, Sneem is not in the charge of Kerry County Council.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. Healy Rae regarding the taking in charge of this section of road, Mr. P. Teahan replied that Kerry County Council will assess this.

19. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County would widen the turn known as (Whartons Turn) on the Cahersiveen side of Aghatubrid Cross. There was plans to do this before, what happened to them?

REPLY: A number of locations have been identified on the N70 where improvement proposals are being/ will be developed including this location. The problems at this location will need to be appraised in the context of competing N70 sections and sanctioned by TII before resources can be allocated to developing this proposal further.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. Healy, Mr. P. Teahan replied that the 5 realignment schemes on the list have to go to construction stage, but this can be considered.

20. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this council would resurface the worst part of the Muingydowda Road Waterville.

REPLY: The L-11537 Road from Muingydowda to Emlaghnamuck is included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Restoration Improvement Programme for 2021 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. The road is set to receive " 144,000. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road in the interim to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

Cllr. Healy Rae requested that his notice of motion request be prioritised.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded this motion.

(c) Questions

1.Cllr.M. Cahill: Can this Municipal District improve the access to Coonakilla Harbour, Glenbeigh by surface dressing the roadway to the strand and providing a new slipway at this location as the old slipway is almost washed away and it is now a very serious "Health and Safety " matter.

REPLY: This "slip" at Coonakilla is not under the ownership of Kerry County Council and the access is also not in charge of the Council. Providing a new slip would be cost prohibitive at this exposed location and there is no source of funding available to the Council for works of this type.

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can this council and the Department of Transport build up as a matter of extreme urgency the very low walls on Skully's Bridge, Bord of Works Road, Beaufort before someone falls in over the bridge or a serious accident occurs at this location and will the Council and the Department accept that this Bridge is particularly dangerous for young children.

REPLY: This bridge on the L4039, local primary road will be examined to determine what works may be required at the structure. Any remedial works needed will be funded from local roads bridge maintenance.

Cllr. M. Cahill requested that this be included in the next Bridge Program as he was particularly worried about small children. I ask that you please follow this up.

Mr. P. Teahan advised that they would.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can this council make a "special case " to the Minister for the OPW for emergency funding for Coastal Protection Works at Cromane where dozens of homes are in immediate danger of tidal flooding and being destroyed and will the Council explain to the Minister and his Senior Officials that these families are living in constant fear and cannot afford to wait any longer for the proposed survey of Castlemaine Harbour to be carried out.

REPLY: Funding has been provided by OPW to carry out a Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Study in the Castlemaine Harbour area. This study is required in order to consider all management options available to address flooding and coastal erosion in the Cromane area. This brief is being prepared and it is intended to advertise for consultants in the next number of weeks.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that the bottom line is the problem is not going away and has intensified since 2008.

4. Cllr. M. Cahill: Can Kerry County Council prioritise the Old Glenbeigh Road at Rangué, Killorglin on "Health and Safety " grounds and that the very dangerous lags on this important road are addressed as a matter of extreme urgency.

REPLY: The L7504, local secondary road from Laharn to Rangué has been included in the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan that was considered under item C(a) of the agenda. This road is scheduled to receive funding of " 158,414, under the Department of Transportq Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response.

5.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Can Kerry County Council extend the Footpath from Knocklyne Valley down towards Killorglin NS outside 3 houses.

REPLY: The feasibility of provision of additional footpath infrastructure in the County and in this Municipal District was examined in detail prior to preparation of the 2019 Schedule of Municipal Works Plan that was considered under item C(a) of this agenda. Footpath improvement and maintenance works are funded from both the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Grant and the Discretionary Grant. The works that are included in this year's programme involve maintenance of the existing network and not the provision of new footpaths. Nevertheless, the extension of the footpath on the Sunhill Road leading to Knocklyne Valley will be kept under consideration for any future funding streams for which the works may be suitable, including the Department of Rural and Community Development Clár Scheme and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme.

6. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Please arrange for the footpath to be extended to Cill Mhuire Estate, Kenmare.

REPLY: The feasibility of provision of additional footpath infrastructure in the County and in this Municipal District was examined in detail prior to preparation of the 2019 Schedule of Municipal Works Plan that was considered under item C(a) of this agenda. Footpath improvement and maintenance works are funded from both the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Grant and the Discretionary Grant. The works that are included in this year's programme involve maintenance of the existing network and not the provision of new footpaths. Nevertheless, the provision of this new footpath link to Cill Mhuire will be kept under consideration for any future funding streams for which the works may be suitable including the Department of Rural and Community Development Clár Scheme and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Land acquisition by agreement would be required to advance the footpath link, if funding was secured.

7. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Can this Municipal District better utilize the public car park across from Kate Kearney's, Gap of Dunloe so as to accommodate more cars.

REPLY: This car park has a bituminous surface and is lined in a standard manner for car parks of this type to allow comfortable maneuvering for vehicles that want to enter and exit spaces. There is little if any scope to increase the capacity of this car park taking into account the current trend towards larger vehicles such as SUV's and MPV's.

8. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Can KCC install a footpath and put in place traffic calming measures in the vicinity of the Rockmount Centre and the Church in Kilgarvan.

REPLY: The feasibility of provision of additional footpath infrastructure in the County and in this Municipal District was examined in detail prior to preparation of the 2019 Schedule of Municipal Works Plan that was considered under item C(a) of this agenda. Footpath improvement and maintenance works are funded from both the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Grant and the Discretionary Grant. The works that are included in this year's programme involve maintenance of the existing network and not the provision of new

footpaths. Nevertheless, the extension of the footpath at the church in Kilgarvan will be kept under consideration for any future funding streams for which the works may be suitable including the Department of Rural and Community Development Clár Scheme and the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Land acquisition by agreement would be required to advance the footpath link, if funding was secured.

9. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen: Can an update be given on my previous request to extend the footpath & lighting to Ard Bhearna Estate, Kenmare.

REPLY: As outlined in the Update Report Transport Infrastructure Ireland approved the following to proceed to detailed design:

- N71 Kilkeana to Kenmare pavement scheme.
- N71 Kenmare Safety Scheme including the provision of a footpath to Ard Bhearna and pedestrian facilities at the junction of the N70 and N71.

The overall scheme may well be undertaken in 2 phases. Phase 1 will require a pavement overlay from Kilkeana to the Ard Bhearna Estate. The section from Ard Bhearna to Kenmare will be Phase 2 to allow time for statutory procedures associated with the traffic calming elements to be completed.

In relation to the timeline for the project, the preparation of contract documents is ongoing and subject to standard TII approval processes the Council is targeting a construction start date end Q3 / early Q4 2019.

10.Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Businesses in the lower end of Milltown have articulated the view to me that the public lighting is weak, will Kerry Council investigate the issue and carry out the necessary improvements?

REPLY: The Road Management Office (RMO), which is a shared service offering support to Local Authorities, was tasked with developing a business case for the upgrading of the public lighting network nationally. This project is being developed to replace/retrofit all public lights with LED equivalents through a Regional Design Build LED Retrofit contract. Kerry County Council intend to upgrade all Kerry County Council operated public lighting through this project. Until such time as this countywide project is under way, only lanterns which require replacement under our maintenance regime will be changed to LED.

11. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:What plans have Kerry County Council in mind to utilize the funding made available from The National Rural Regeneration Scheme to address traffic congestion along the Wild Atlantic Way especially in West Kerry and especially the sections at Sleah Head and at Casadh na Gráige?

REPLY: Failte Ireland as the lead agency for the promotion of the Wild Atlantic Way and working in partnership with Kerry County Council has secured funding of " 666,300 earlier this year under the Rural Regeneration and Development fund to develop a plan to solve critical congestion and visitor management issues along the Wild Atlantic Way at 15 key locations within the counties of Kerry and Clare. Kerry County Council will be working with Failte Ireland over the course of 2019 to advance the plan which will included examination of the sections at Sleah Head and Casadh na Graige.

12. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: When does Kerry County Council expect to commence the construction of the new car park at the presbytery in Green Street, Dingle?

REPLY: The Council submitted an application in 2018 under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for funding to provide public realm improvements at Green Street and which included an extension to the car park. The project has not been funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development to date. However, it remains an active application. The Council will be considering how best to finance the car park extension over the coming weeks.

13. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council would carry out a speed review at Castlegregory village and put the following safety measures in place . Drive slow signs, two speed indicators at either end of the village

REPLY: The provision of electronic driver feedback signs in Castlegregory is suitable for funding through Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations allocations.

14. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that the junction at Kelly Heights Castlegregory where the L123152 is adjoining the R560 be reinstated as it was before recent improvements i.e. Kerbing as this is making exiting from Castlegregory most difficult entering the R560 as many motorists fear that a serious accident will occur due to sight lines being obstructed

REPLY: There were safety improvement works carried out at this location in Castlegregory 5 years ago within the extent of the lands that were made available for the works at the time. Land acquisition would be required to carry out further improvements and enquiries will be made to determine if it is likely that agreement can be reached now and which didn't prove possible at the time of the previous scheme. If additional land did become available then it would be suitable for funding through a CSMDO allocation.

15. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask is all funding allocated to reconstruct Schraghane pier in total " 67,000 spent on this location

REPLY: In 2017 funding of " 45,000 was provided by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine for Scraggane Pier to enable filling of voids and the provision of fenders and ladders with the remainder of the funding provided by the Council. All monies in relation to this project have been spent.

16.Cllr N. Moriarty: Can we please have a detailed progress report and specifics on next steps and timelines for the provision of a path and footbridge linking Waterville village and Ballybrack cross?

REPLY: Proposals have been developed to carry out improvements between Waterville village and Ballybrack over a distance of 1km These improvements include mainline widening, the provision of a footbridge over the Rive Currane and the provision of a shared surface for pedestrians/ cyclists on one side of the mainline. These proposals which will cost approximately " 3m constitute a significant investment to upgrade the southern approach to Waterville Village. A public consultation took place in March 2018 where feedback was invited.

The feedback obtained has been considered and further appraisal has been carried out to examine the proposals having regard to the key appraisal criteria headings. Safety and environment are two key headings in the appraisal process and will inform the selection of the design solution.

It is likely that the statutory process to be undertaken to obtain planning consent will be under S177 AE of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended (Appropriate Assessment). It is also likely that the lands will be acquired by CPO.

Both applications will be referred to An Bord Pleanála in Q3 2019 for consideration. If consent/ approval is granted in early 2020 then TII approval will be sought to prepare the Contract Documents with a view to proceeding to construction.

In response to a request from Cllr. N. Moriarty asking for a copy of the assessment to be made available to view, Mr. P. Teahan that Kerry County Council will arrange for the NRDO to brief.

17.Cllr. N. Moriarty: To have traffic calming measures and signage erected at approaches to Sneem to alleviate the excessive speeding there.

REPLY: The Gardaí Traffic Corps will be consulted to determine if speeding is an issue at this location and to establish if speeding can be regulated further through enforcement.

Pending the outcome of this consultation the need for Traffic Calming measures will be further assessed.

18.Cllr. N. Moriarty: To provide a detailed costing of surfacing, lining and materials for a repositioning of a stone wall to allow for an extension of car parking facilities in Caherdaniel village.

REPLY: This project will be considered for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Town and Village Renewal scheme when the Department next makes a call for funding. A costing for the project will be prepared following the call from the Department.

19.Cllr. N. Moriarty: To have Mucksna Road, Kenmare taken in charge by the council.

REPLY: Kerry County Council currently has 3,924 km of local roads. In previous reports presented to full Council the condition of the road network was outlined along with the significant costs that would be required to bring these roads up to standard. Currently over 50% of secondary and tertiary roads are classified as being in poor or very poor condition. Furthermore, given the rural nature of the county, the length of road network per head of population is approximately 50% above the national average. The issue of taking roads in charge previously arose around 2012 and it was agreed in principle that where such roads serve community and public facilities that some consideration may be given to requests for taking in charge. However, in accordance with statutory provisions the financial implications will need to be considered by members if the road is to be taken in charge.

This road does not serve community or public facilities and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Local Improvement Scheme is in place as an option to fund the improvements that may be needed on this road.

20.Cllr.N. Moriarty: To make an application for Outdoor Recreation funding to provide enhanced universal access onto Reenroe Beach, Ballinskelligs and to pipe and fill nearby drains to allow for a better turn table and parking near the entrance.

REPLY: This proposal will be considered for submission to the Department of Rural and Community Development under the 2019 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme.

21.Cllr. D. McCarthy: Could Kerry County Council erect a sign on the Tausist side of Dawros church stating no passing out.

REPLY: In accordance with the Traffic Signs manual the no overtaking sign RUS 014 should not be used in situations where the same result can be achieved by the use of continuous white line markings and which are present at the above location.

22.Cllr. D. McCarthy: Could Kerry County Council erect safety signs at the Sibin bar in Lauragh.

REPLY: A new stop sign will be erected at this location in the next 2 weeks and we will refresh the road markings when we have the lining crew in the area.

23.Cllr. D. McCarthy: Have Kerry County Council made any progress on the foot path from Pairc na Glaoine to join the all ready existing footpath on the Sneem road.

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 if this is a possibility we will also seek the necessary approvals and funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland during the course of this year.

Cllr. D. McCarthy requested that Kerry County Council propose this as soon as possible.

24.Cllr. D. McCarthy: What is the timeframe on the improvement works from Kilkeanna cross to the Centra shop in Kenmare?

REPLY: As outlined in the Update Report Transport Infrastructure Ireland approved the following to proceed to detailed design:

- N71 Kilkeanna to Kenmare pavement scheme.
- N71 Kenmare Safety Scheme including the provision of a footpath to Ard Bhearna and pedestrian facilities at the junction of the N70 and N71.

The overall scheme may well be undertaken in 2 phases. Phase 1 will require a pavement overlay from Kilkeanna to the Ard Bhearna Estate. The section from Ard Bhearna to Kenmare will be Phase 2 to allow time for statutory procedures associated with the traffic calming elements to be completed.

The design process is substantially complete. However, a Compulsory Purchase Order may be required for all elements of the design at the N70/N71 Junction and this matter will be kept under review in consultation with TII.

In relation to the timeline for the project, the preparation of contract documents is ongoing and subject to standard TII approval processes the Council is targeting a construction start date end Q3 / early Q4 2019.

25.Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to cut back overhanging trees on the Tousist road.

REPLY: The Roads Enforcement Officer will examine this location and will issue the necessary notices to landowners, as required.

Cllr. D. McCarthy suggested that this needed to be done before The Ring of Beara.

26.Cllr. J. F. Flynn: Will Kerry County Council introduce a maintenance scheme to repair roads where only small sections of the road are in poor condition and require resurfacing works.

REPLY: As outlined in Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan that was considered under Item C(a) of the agenda road maintenance is primarily funded by grants from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The Restoration Improvement Grant funds road strengthening works generally for a minimum length of 1 km in rural areas. The Restoration Maintenance Grant may only be used for surface dressing to extend the life of a pavement that is in a satisfactory condition. The Discretionary Grant is used to fund all aspects of maintenance including patching, line maintenance, sign maintenance, bridge repairs etc. There is currently no grant scheme which could fund a specific programme to carry out road rehabilitation and strengthening works on shorter sections of road.

27.Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That this MD call on the T.I.I to look into the issue of car parking coming out from Kingston~~g~~ Corner, Killorglin blocking the view of cars trying to go up the hill. It doesn't make sense to have these cars parked on the same side of the road of the junction that cars are pulling out from.

REPLY: The Council will consider submitting an application for a Safety Improvement Scheme at this location to the Department of the Transport, Tourism and Sport when the Department next puts out a call for submissions.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. F. Flynn regarding moving the parking spaces, Mr. P. Teahan replied that the spaces moved over because it was travelling closer to the stop line.

28. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would renew the stop lines at the cross at Shanara, Beaufort.

REPLY: The road lining at Shanara Cross, on the L11745 and the L11746 will be renewed in conjunction with the permanent road reinstatement following the installation of a new water main by Irish Water.

29. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this Council would repair and synchronise the flashing amber lights at Kilgobnet School, Beaufort.

REPLY: The Council will consider submitting an application to fund replacement of these school flashing lights at Kilgobnet National School under Measure 1 of the Clár 2019 Scheme.

30. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this council would provide a Pontoon at the pier in Kenmare for the summer season

REPLY: While the Council maintain the pier at Kenmare and provide anchorage for boats etc, the provision of a pontoon to enhance ease of access onto vessels would be a matter for the specific boat operators at Kenmare in line with their own specific boat loading/unloading requirements. There is no specific source of funding available to the Council for the installation of pontoons and therefore the Council have no plans to install a pontoon at Kenmare Pier.

31. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would repair the road to the Heritage Park in Bonane.

REPLY: The two roads accessing the Bonane Heritage Park from the N71 are included on the adopted 3-year Restoration Improvement Programme. The works on the L-11777 will be completed this year and are scheduled to receive " 55,000. The works on the L-11776 Dromagorteen Road will be completed in 2020 and are scheduled to receive " 60,000.

32. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would urgently cut the hedges around the Ring of Kerry as bus operators are still very concerned at the lack of progress on this.

REPLY: The Council will carry out hedge cutting on critical sections of the Ring of Kerry over the next 6 to 8 weeks. The extent of hedge cutting that can be carried out is limited by the funding that is available from Transport Infrastructure Ireland through the 2019 National Secondary Maintenance allocation which was maintained at the same figure as last year. However, this follows a reduction of 32% in the 2018 allocation provided to the Council. To seek to address this reduction in the allocation, the Council made an application to TII in 2018 for Special Maintenance funding to support hedge cutting on the national secondary network. No additional funding has been provided to date and the Council will continue to follow this matter up with TII.

33. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That we call on the TII to put the crash barrier back up on the bad bend by the new walk way in Killorglin. This is very dangerous for people walking on the new path if a car goes off the road, someone could be very seriously injured. It would be a big help if either the crash barrier or a ditch be put up just at the bend to protect people.

REPLY: This project was funded by both an Outdoor Recreation Grant from the Department of Rural and Community Development and Safety Improvement funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland. The TII funding was made available to remove two hazards that were present on the N70 prior to the construction of the combined footpath/cycleway. These hazards were a steeped sloped embankment and a deep open drain. The crash barrier was previously placed at this location due to the presence of these hazards and in accordance with current

national road standards a crash barrier is no longer required following the completion of the project as designed.

34. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That the council would ensure that whatever company wins the tender to do the survey for Castlemaine Harbour, that everything in their power will be done to get it done as quickly as possible. This is vital for the people in the Cromane area as funding will depend on these surveys. People are having to leave their homes in fear during high tides. This cannot continue.

REPLY: Funding has been provided by OPW to carry out a Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Study in this Castlemaine Harbour area. This study is required in order to consider all management options available to address flooding and coastal erosion in the Cromane area etc. This brief is being prepared and it is intended to advertise for consultants in the next number of weeks. The programme for the deliver of the project will form part of the brief and tender assessment process.

35. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That the lining on the road at Tullig cross be changed from a broken white line to a solid white line. Someone will be killed at this junction if something isn't done

REPLY: The location in question has been lined in accordance with the Department of Transport's Traffic Signs Manual. The junction is located on a straight section of road with good forward visibility.

Adherence to the Traffic Signs Manual is required in order to keep consistency throughout the entire National Road network to avoid driver confusion.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn stated that the broken white line starts before we have proper visibility of oncoming vehicles and requested that a letter be written to the TII.

Cllr. M. Cahill seconded this motion and advised that he would put it in as a notice of motion for the May meeting.

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

(a) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council make a very special case and call on the Minister for the Office of Public Works, the OPW and the Government to acquire as a matter of priority on behalf of the State and the Irish people, one of Kerry's remaining greatest treasures, Daniel O'Connell, The Liberator's Birthplace, Carhan, Caherciveen and that this derelict property on the outskirts of Caherciveen town be restored and developed into a major Tourist attraction.

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

2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That incentives and waivers of charges are put in place for those providing events which are of huge financial benefit to local economies.

Reply: Kerry County Council supports communities that provide events through the provision of grants such as the Community Support Fund and Arts Department Grants, in addition to advice. If a road closure is required by a community group to facilitate an event, no administration fee is charged, the only cost is for the required advertisement in the local press.

3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council write to An Post requesting that they install a postal letter box at the lower end of Milltown i.e in the vicinity of where Larkins, O Neills and Murphy's businesses are?

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

4. Cllr M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council support the Milltown childcare centres application to Pobal for an extension to construct a new structure to facilitate extra places for a toddler room

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

5. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council would immediately write to ComReg and Vodafone to improve both mobile and broadband coverage in the West Kerry Area.

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

Cllr. J. Healy Rae stated that when the license was given out it was 70% coverage. 60% coverage now required. Can a letter be written to Communications Regulators.

6. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That in light of the lack of a female GP in the entire West Iveragh area that the HSE work to provide a bi-monthly clinic with a visiting Gynaecologist to provide for the medical needs of the women of the area.

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

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that this is a significant issue, once we had 6 now we have 3. We have no female cover in this area. A lot of woman would prefer to go to a woman. I request that a letter be written to the HSE to further this issue.

Cllr. D. McCarthy seconded this Notice of Motion.

7.Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That we call on this MD to write to the Minister for Education and Minister for Housing to introduce regulations to protect students that are faced with increasing rent every year. On College Campus accommodation in UCC it is proposed from next September that the rent will rise by 10%. This will also filter out to student who are renting in the private market in Cork.

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

Cllr. J. F. Flynn this is a national issue. UCC are proposing an increase of the rent by 10% while private rent is controlled by 4%. Please write to the Minister regarding this matter.

Cllr. M. Cahill seconded this Notice of Motion.

8.Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That this MD again call on the relevant Minister to ban speed vans from using locations outside council graveyards, as their location while monitoring the speed. This is been very disrespectful for people who have loved ones in the graveyard and also shows their total ignorance at times when blocking the gates. This canq continue to happen.

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

9.Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That this MD call on the Minister for Health and the HSE forum to immediately try and tackle the waiting list for people waiting to undergo cataracts operations. Over the past four years the waiting times have doubled, and the priority list is longer than what the overall list was four years ago. There are people now blind because of this problem been totally ignored.

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

10.Cllr. J Healy-Rae: That this Municipal District would write to Vodafone to highlight the fact that our mobile phone coverage has become considerably worse in parts of the county.

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

Cllr. J. Healy Rae requested that a letter be written regarding this matter.

11. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That this Municipal District contact the Minister for Finance to highlight the problem that people organizing country markets are facing with getting insurance. Although the premises would have public liability they still have to go away and take out a separate policy for that day. Thereq not much profit been made by the organizers and they cannot afford this cost. This is resulting in a lot of markets not being able to run.

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

Cllr. J. F. Flynn stated that this problem has come to his attention, stands have to take out separate insurance at a cost of €200 per day. Please write to the Minister regarding the issue of country markets in public liability buildings would be covered.

12. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That this Municipal District call on the relevant Minister to introduce some sort of tax break for musicians. It is vital for the survival of rural Ireland that bands donq go out of business as it will have a big effect on the already struggling pubs. Some sort of scheme should be introduced to encourage pubs to have live music.

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

(c) Correspondence

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| 1. Email from An Garda Siochana dated 26 th February 2019 re the locating of the Go Safe Van in Castlemaine. |
| 2. Reply from Min for Transport Sport & Tourism dated 20 th February re waiting time for driving test. |

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| 3. Reply from HSE dated 28 th February 2018 re an update of the progress of a primary Health Care Centre in Caherciveen |
| 4. Reply from Irish Water dated 05 th March re the provision of a Sewerage Scheme in Bolteens. |
| 5. Reply from Dept of Education and Skills dated 04 th March 2019 regarding the reinstatement of the teacher-student ratio pre- budget 2012 |
| 6. Email from Deputy Martin Ferris dated 06 th March 2019 regarding a request to meet with Min Donohue to discuss the VAT increase in the Tourism and Hospitality sector. |
| 7. Reply from UHK dated 11 th March regarding the 2018 Taxi cost for UHK |
| 8. Reply from NPWS dated 25 th January 2019 re Derrycunihy church. |
| 9. Reply from Dept of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht dated 11 th March, 2019 regarding the Skellig Michael Management Plan consultation process. |

(d) To consider the reception of the following Deputations

(a) Deputation from Bonane Community Council
 Re: Road to Heritage Park and Associated issues
Requested by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen

This deputation was unanimously approved to come before the next Municipal District Meeting of South & West.

(b) Deputation from Rockmount Care Centre, Kilgarvan
 Re: Road Issues
Requested by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae

This deputation was unanimously approved to come before the next Municipal District Meeting of South & West.

(c) Deputation from the Residents of Maherees Lower
 Re: Extending the Wild Atlantic Way to the Maherees area and to carry out works at Schraghane pier.
Requested By. Cllr. M O' Shea

This deputation was unanimously approved to come before the next Municipal District Meeting of South & West.

(e) To agree dates for the following meetings:

(a) To agree a date for the next meeting of the members of the South & West Kerry Municipal District . Suggested Date . 03rd May 2019

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

(g) Any Other Business

Cllr. J. F. Flynn had a query regarding taxation for vehicles.

Cllr. J. Healy Rae stated that if he has a company, vat no and privately buys a van, there seems to be an issue in our office if person wants to change from private to commercial tax. If you have a Hilux it is counted as a Hilux but if you but it up North and try to commercially tax it here it is an issue. Kerry & Wicklow won't accept, and you nearly need to have a registered business.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn supported Cllr. J. Healy Rae.

In response Mr. J. Breen stated that taxation/motor vehicle license is national but advised that Kerry County Council will contact the taxation office with the concerns of the Councillors and come back to them.

In response to a query from Cllr. J. Healy Rae regarding whether the Board of Works road will be done this year, Mr. P. Teahan replied that he would check and revert back to the Councillor.

Brenda Conway
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. N. Moriarty
Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District
of South and West Kerry