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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY HELD IN THE AREA SERVICE CENTRE, KILLORGLIN, FRIDAY 27th MARCH, 2018

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I LÁRIONAD SEIRBHÍISÍ CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN AOINE 27Ú MARTA 2018.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen

Cllr M. Cahill

Cllr. D. Quigg

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald

Cllr. M O' Shea

Cllr. N. Moriarty

Cllr. J. F. Flynn

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae

Cllr. D. McCarthy

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Mr. M. O' Donoghue

Mr. P. Teahan

Ms. S. Griffin

Ms. B. Conway

Mr. B. Hickey

Mr. M Kelliher

Mr. C. Nagle

Mr. C Mangan

Mr. C O' Leary

Ms. L O' Donnell

Mr. C. Slattery

Ms. C. Fitzgerald

Mr. T Taggart

Delegated Executive for South and West Kerry MD

Municipal District Engineer

Municipal District Officer

Meetings Administrator

EE Killorglin

EE Caherciveen

EE Dingle

S.E.E Water Services

E.E. Water Services

A.O. Environment

S.S.O. Housing

A.S.O Corporate Affairs

C.O. Economic & Community Development

The meeting commenced at 10.44 a.m.

Leas- Cathaoirleach Cllr. N. Moriarty took the chair.

27.03.18.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen & SECONDED by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 26th January 2018 be confirmed.

(b) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. McCarthy & SECONDED by Cllr. D. Quigg it was agreed that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 26th February, 2018 be confirmed.

(C) Reception of Deputations

(a) Deputation from the Family & Friends of the Residents of St. Mary of the Angels, Beaufort.

Re: Condition of the road to the premises and campaign to keep the facility opened.

Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill

The Leas-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 (*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 everybody and thank you for giving us this opportunity to tell you about St Mary of the Angels and to update you on happenings since we last made a presentation to you about 18 months ago.

This year, St Mary of the Angels is celebrating its 50th anniversary. This is a significant milestone for a wonderful centre which for the past 50 years, has provided exceptional care and support to hundreds of vulnerable children and adults from right across County Kerry. Today SMOA is home to 76 adults with physical and intellectual disabilities, all of whom have a high level of support needs and many of whom have lived there for most of their lives.

St. Mary of the Angels is set on a peaceful campus in beautiful, rural surroundings near Beaufort, in the heart of the local community. It comprises of 10 homes on 17 acres of land. In addition to a Day Centre, catering for 40 individuals, SMOA has a range of excellent onsite facilities to help people reach their full potential. To give just a few examples, there is a Special School, a Hydrotherapy Pool, a Special Sensory Room and an Arts & Crafts Centre. A multi-purpose sports Hall, a Chapel, with the assistance of a North Kerry farming group and Kennedys Pet Farm we are in the process of introducing a form of social farming into SMOA which will enhance not only the lives of those living in SMOA but also others that will be able to come and visit

Residents and service users at St. Mary of the Angels are provided with onsite services and therapies that are essential for their health and wellbeing including Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational therapy, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Dentistry and weekly GP visits.

As you are all aware, two years ago, family members of St. Mary of the Angels residents, discovered that all 76 people living in SMOA were to be moved out into dispersed houses around the county of Kerry. This was in line with the national policy 'Time to Move On from Congregated Settings' which seeks to close all 72 centres like St. Mary of the Angels around Ireland by 2021. A closure of SMOA would not only significantly impact the lives of the 76 individuals who call St. Mary of the Angels home, but those who attend the school and day centre and those in receipt of respite.

We formed our group The SMOA Parents and Relatives Association in 2016 out of necessity in order to oppose this deeply flawed and misguided policy. As many of you will remember, we launched a public campaign which garnered huge public support and raised awareness about the policy. I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank each one of you most sincerely for your unanimous support at that time, which meant so much to us all.

As a result of our efforts, we received a written guarantee from the Chief Officer of the HSE Mr Ger. Reaney that no person living in St. Mary of the Angels would be forced to move against their wishes or the wishes of their families. To date no person or their family have expressed a wish to move. As the largest residential facility for Intellectual Disability in Kerry, St. Mary of the Angels always strives to meet the HIQA requirements that will ensure its long term survival. Our mission is to improve residents' lives, enhance the grounds and buildings on campus and take all necessary steps to guarantee continued HIQA registration. HIQA inspections have repeatedly praised SMOA for the expertise of staff and the social model of care which maximises residents' capacity to exercise personal autonomy and choice in their daily lives.

A key HIQA requirement is that residents experience dignity and privacy in their daily lives. There are some physical issues on the campus which prevent us from fully achieving this for all residents. For example, at present we have six shared bedrooms on the campus. Three of these rooms are in one residence St. Fidelis, where they are shared by eight people. If we can provide the eight people in St. Fidelis with their own private bedrooms, this will reduce shared bedrooms on the entire campus from

six to just three, which would be a significant step towards ensuring the satisfaction of HIQA standards and thus continued registration.

To give another example of a physical challenge we are working to meet, two of the large chalets on campus are occupied by 7 and 8 people respectively. It would be a significant improvement to both of these chalets, if they could each have an additional sitting room as HIQA have noted that residents would benefit from having additional leisure space so that they can have quiet personal time when needed. This is something that becomes more important to residents, as they become older.

We have applied for Planning Permission for the two additional sitting rooms, planning is not required for the additional single bedrooms in St. Fidelis. Over the last 18 months our family group has fundraised just over 80,000 euro and we have set aside 60,000 towards these extensions. We spent 20,000 on resurfacing the driveways on campus.

We recently applied and were successful in being selected as one of the main beneficiary charities in this year's Ring of Kerry Cycle. While we are delighted with this achievement it will not, on its own, be enough to meet the full cost of the necessary work. The service provider St John of God is effectively broke and are now 100% funded by the HSE. The HSE inform us that they cannot make any funds available to us for the work.

Taking into account the 76 full-time residents, the 50 children who attend St. Francis Special School, the 40 people availing of the Day Centre, 220 staff members, 10 National School teachers, 24 Special Needs Assistants and 4 part-time secondary school teachers, there are in and around 420 people actively involved in this special community on a daily basis. This doesn't include the many other regular visitors to the campus and those coming in and out to provide onsite services. We contend that there are more people invested in and part of St. Mary of the Angels than many of the other villages around the county and that St. Mary of the Angels is a community in the truest and best sense.

We are asking, once again, for your support and hope that you will allocate some funding towards this very necessary and worthwhile extensions and alterations to these homes which when completed will make such a huge difference to the lives of these people and also make life easier for those that look after them

I thank you for giving us this opportunity and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have for us.

In conclusion the spokesperson referred to a discussion he had heard on Radio Kerry, where a man with Autism and Aspergers who had spent several months in prison for assaulting his mother pleaded with the judge to remain in prison as he had no where to live when he was released. St. Mary of the Angels is a very important service for these particular people and it is vitally important that we acquire more property and not close down the facility.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the deputation and asked that given the site was originally donated to the H.S.E. he asked what would be the status of the lands if the facility was to close. In conclusion he stated that on behalf of the Fianna Fail party he offered the residents their full support.

The spokesperson replied that the trustees of SMOA and St. Francis Special school is St. John of Gods. As St. John of Gods is currently insolvent, he stated that further clarification is required and understood that the reconstruction of the organisation is been dealt with by *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)*

He added that been associated with St. John of Gods can make fundraising very hard. He explained that originally the land was donated to the Franciscan Sisters by the Doyle family and that if the facility was to close, it would probably be taken over by a relevant body such as Kerry Parents and Friends.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and complemented them on a very detailed presentation. He acknowledged that the recent works carried out by the committee was done with very little help

from the state. He acknowledged that it was the goodwill of the Doyle family who originally donated the land and now rumours are circulating that if the current facility closes, it would be re-opened as a centre for Drug and Alcohol addiction. He stated that he would have an issue with these plans and also wished to acknowledge that the facility employs approximately 420 staff. He referred to the Housing Projects mentioned by the spokesperson and called on the Municipal District Mr. M Oq Donoghue who is also the Director of the Housing Directorate to assist the deputation with these projects. He stated that he was present when the Minister for State Mr. Finian McGrath visited St. Mary of the Angels and believed that the visit was nothing more than a Public Relations exercise and that his mind was made up to close the facility. St. Mary of the Angels is one of the few facilities of its kind in this country and very effort should be made to keep it opened. He offered the deputation his full support and called on Kerry County Council to assist them. He proposed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris and Minister for Housing Mr. Eoghan Murphy requesting that they would consider re-opening the facility for admissions and provide funding to carry out the required works.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris and the Minister for Housing Mr. E Murphy.

Cllr. D. Quigg concurred with the previous comments and offered the deputation his full support. He stated that he will be meeting the Minister for Health Mr. S Harris T.D. as part of the Regional Health Authority and undertook to raise the issue of St. Mary of the Angels with him. He suggested that the deputation should apply for funding under the Flag Funding.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen offered the deputation his full support and concurred with the comments expressed by the previous speakers. He stated that he too believed that Minister F McGrath's visit to the facility was very disappointing. The elected members of the South & West Municipal District are very united on this matter and undertook to keep the pressure on the relevant authorities to keep the facility opened.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and offered the deputation his full support. He concurred with the previous speakers regarding Minister F McGrath's visit to the facility. Where he accepted that the facility is in the remit of the HSE, he stated that it is indirectly a potential problem for Kerry County Council with regard to the provision of housing for the residents. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and wished to be associated with the comments expressed by the previous speakers. St. Mary of the Angels is one of the issues where all members are united in their support.

Cllr. N. Moriarty thanked the deputation for highlighting this issue and congratulated them on the work they have achieved to date. She asked that the residents who require full time care would be allowed to stay where the best of facilities are available to them. She proposed that a deputation from the members of the South & West Municipal District and Mr. M OqDonoghue Municipal District Managers would meet with the H.S.E. and a member of the Government to discuss the future of the facility, request funding and to voice the members concerns that they want the facility to remain in situ.

Mr. M OqDonoghue welcomed the deputation and commended them on the excellent work they are doing at the facility. He stated that while St. Mary of the Angels is in the remit of the H.S.E. and St. John of Gods, he would have no issue with meeting representatives of the committee and the relevant bodies to discuss the future of the facility. However, he added that the Housing Department role is very limited. He asked the representatives of the deputation to contact him directly..

The spokesperson advised the meeting that a Key Stakeholders forum was set up over a year ago consisting of members from the H.S.E., St. John of Gods and two parents. The CEO of both the North Kerry Development Partnership and the South Kerry Development Partnership chair the meeting. The forum meets on a monthly basis where ongoing matters at the facility are discussed.

Finally, the second spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) stated that she was here representing the residents of the chalets. The committee is hoping to extend these chalets by 25ft, which would provide extra living space for the residents. She appealed to both the members and Kerry County Council that any help for this extension would be greatly appreciated.

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

1. 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. M O'Donoghue briefed the members on the report, which was circulated to them in advance of the meeting. He noted that it was agreed that each member would allocate " 5,000 from their Councillor Specific Municipal District Allocation to supplement the programme.

The Schedule of Municipal District Works (SMDW) Plan, for the South & West Kerry Municipal District has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 58 of the Local Government Reform Act 2014, and having regard to guidelines issued by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government (Circular LG 27/2014).

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 2018 Budget, which was adopted by Council on the 13th November, 2017, 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.

The Plan is formulated on the basis of the amount of funding provided for *maintenance and repair* in Kerry County Council's annual budget, in respect of each relevant service division (e.g. housing, roads, amenities, street cleaning, drainage work, burial ground maintenance, etc.), subject to any

variations arising subsequent to adoption of the budget, for example, in relation to funding levels from State grants, including recent grant aid from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and Transport Infrastructure Ireland, in relation to roads funding, and the Department of Rural and Community Development, in relation to the Local Improvement Scheme

The schedule is prepared within the levels of funding available, and on the basis of identified needs and priorities throughout the local authority area and taking due account of requirements in relation to standards and frequency of maintenance work. This is informed by details of relevant requirements which were considered in the formulation of the Council's overall budget as well the pattern of works and expenditure in previous years, and a review of the 2017 Plan. The adoption of the SMDW per se cannot involve a revision of the adopted budget.

Maximising value for money, overall effectiveness, and return from investment is a key objective underpinning the prioritization of works and allocating available funding within each municipal district, along with the need to ensure appropriate balance in the allocation of resources as between urban and rural areas in the district.

In 2017, significant progress was achieved on key infrastructural projects in the South & West Kerry Municipal District, including the acquisition of lands for Phase 4 of the Dingle Relief Road and the commencement of Rossbeigh Coast Road Replacement. Funding has again been provided this year for these schemes under the Specific Improvement Grant Scheme. There has also been significant investment in the national secondary road network, including major improvements ongoing on the N86 Camp . Dingle route, on the N70 at Kilderry Bends and from Waterville Town Centre to the River Inny Bridge

These projects support the economic development of the MD, particularly with the continuing significant increase in tourism traffic experienced in recent years.

The approval of the extinguishment of the Market Rights and the adoption of the Casual Trading Bye-Laws for Kenmare will allow for the redevelopment of the Town Square, with much needed public realm improvements commensurate with its status as a tourism and heritage town. Whilst the Council will seek funding from Transport Infrastructure Ireland for the works on the N71, the enhancement works to Park Lane will require significant own resource funding.

Similarly, the Council has secured lands and planning approval for the development of additional car parking facilities in Killorglin and Dingle.

This year, specific funding has been allocated for drainage works and footpath improvements. The drainage funding is being targeted at local secondary and local tertiary roads which are in very poor condition. " 169,840 is being provided under a footpath improvement programme, with an emphasis on heavily trafficked pedestrian areas. It is recognized that any public realm improvements, including

footpaths, in the core of the town centres should compliment the surrounding environs and streetscape.

Works to be executed under the GMA (Councilors Allocations) are not provided for in the SMDW, as these are discretionary works to be decided by the elected members. However, it is open to the municipal district members to apply GMA funding to supplement maintenance and repair funding otherwise available in the overall budget. Whilst recognizing the demands on the members for works under these allocations, the allocation of funding towards strategic programs such as improvements to public realm can have a very positive impact and afford more effective use of resources. In this context and having regard to the demands for own resource funded infrastructure such as car parks, public realm and footpath improvements, outlined above, I am seeking a commitment from the members for support funding from Councilors Allocations for such projects.

The 15 towns and villages in the South & West Kerry Municipal District, supported by strong local communities, continue to perform strongly in the national Tidy Towns competition with Kenmare securing Gold Medal status, Sneem securing a Silver medal and Portmagee securing a bronze medal in 2017. The provisions made in the Plan should further support communities in improving the results in this competition and promote the economic development of the MD.

A report on the outcomes of the 2017 plan, are presented in Appendix 1, which has assisted in guiding the development of this year's SMDW Plan. The report shows that the vast majority of the targets set for our Housing, Roads, Public Lighting services and maintenance of amenity facilities were achieved.

I am cognizant in developing this SMDW Plan that it should be flexible enough to allow for possible emergencies or re-allocation of funding from scheduled works, which cannot for some reason proceed. Any such re-allocation of funding should, as always, be within the overall budgetary framework, and will be notified to members. This will be done as part of the Operations Directorate report to you at the Municipal District meetings.

The annual Service Delivery Plan, for the Operations Directorate to be prepared in accordance with Section 134A of the 2001 Act, shall be informed by proposals for the SMDW and this will be presented to Council in April. The Service Delivery Plan will identify all other works to be delivered by the Operations Directorate, having regard to the provisions made in the adopted Budget and commitments given to the members.

The interim guidelines also prescribe conditions and requirements which shall apply in relation to any amendments to the SMDW plan and the procedures to be followed where the municipal district members decide not to adopt the plan or propose to make an amendment to the plan, which would result in the total expenditure in respect of works included in the schedule in respect of a particular service division exceeding that envisaged in the schedule as prepared by me. These are set out in detail in Section 5 of Circular LG 27/2014.

I wish as MD Manager to pay tribute to the hard work and dedication of all the staff, particularly in the South & West Kerry Municipal District, for their commitment in delivering these essential services in 2017.

I wish to thank the Senior Management and all the staff of the Operations Directorate and Municipal District Team in preparing this plan. I recommend the Plan for adoption.

Martin O'Donoghue

South & West Kerry MD Manager

Cllr. D. Quigg proposed that the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for the South & West Kerry Municipal District be adopted.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen seconded the proposal.

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

For: (9) Cllrs. M. Cahill, P. Connor-Scarreen, S Fitzgerald, J.F. Flynn, J. Healy-Rae, D. McCarthy, N. Moriarty, M O' Shea, D. Quigg, N Moriarty,

Ms. B Conway declared the proposal to be carried.

On the Proposal of Cllr. D. Quigg and Seconded by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen it was agreed to 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.

2. To adopt the introduction of traffic calming measures on the N71 National Secondary Road at The Square and at Park Lane and East Park Lane, Kenmare as well as the introduction of a one-way system at Park Lane and East Park Lane, Kenmare to facilitate the introduction of casual trading bays centred around The Park, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

Mr. M OqDonoghue briefed the members on the Section 38 document circulated to them in advance of the meeting.

On the Proposal of Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen and Seconded by Cllr. M. OqShea it was agreed to adopt the introduction of traffic calming measures on the N71 National Secondary Road at The Square and at Park Lane and East Park Lane, Kenmare as well as the introduction of a one-way system at Park Lane and East Park Lane, Kenmare to facilitate the introduction of casual trading bays centred around The Park, pursuant to Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transport Regulation Act, 2009.

3. Consider the Report and Resolve that Kerry County Council make the County of Kerry (Casual Trading) Bye-Laws 2018 (Kenmare, Co. Kerry) in relation to the control, regulation, supervision and administration of Casual Trading in Kenmare, Co. Kerry in exercise of its powers under Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995 and Part 1 of Schedule 14A of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

Mr. M O'Donoghue referred members to the extensive report circulated to them in advance of the meeting. He stated that this is a historical day as the council has secured a resolution to introduce the Bye-Laws for Kenmare.

Cllr. D. McCarthy asked would traffic allowances be made for special occasions and festivals in the town.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that the council can make allowances on Park Lane, however with the introduction of the pedestrian crossing, amendments to East Lane may not be an option.

Mr. M O'Donoghue replied that the council will deal with these matters on a case by case basis.

Cllr. J Healy-Rae welcomed the document and stated that the traders have requested that their trading hours been increased to 6p.m.

In response, Mr. P. Teahan stated that the document has been conditioned by the District Court and is not subject to amendment.

Cllr. D. McCarthy complimented the staff and management of Kerry County Council on presenting the bye-laws to this meeting. He stated that the casual trading in Kenmare is an ongoing issue since he was elected to Kerry County Council.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae complimented Mr. P. Teahan on the work he has done on bringing the bye-laws to this meeting and said he believed that the matter would not have advanced this far only for him, but added that great credit must also be given to Mr. M O'Donoghue and his predecessor Mr. J Flynn. The town of Kenmare has fantastic ratepayers and the introduction of the Bye-laws is overdue to them. He added for the genuine traders in the town, he asked that the request to extend the trading time to 6pm. would be reviewed.

Cllr. D McCarthy asked when will the bye-laws be enforced.

In response, Mr. M O'Donoghue stated that the council will ensure that the bye-laws are regularised. There is provision in the legislation stating that the bye-laws must be regulated by an enforcement officer.

Mr. P. Teahan stated that the physical works will commence next week, which will involve making provisions to put the traders into their correct bays. It is envisaged that the works will be completed by the summertime.

Cllr. D. McCarthy proposed that the Bye-Laws 2018 (Kenmare, Co. Kerry) in relation to the control, regulation, supervision and administration of Casual Trading in Kenmare, Co. Kerry in exercise of its powers under Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995 and Part 1 of Schedule 14A of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014 be enforced.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen seconded the proposal.

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

For: (9) Cllrs. M. Cahill, P. Connor-Scarteen, S Fitzgerald, J.F. Flynn, J. Healy-Rae, D. McCarthy, N. Moriarty, M O' Shea, D. Quigg, N Moriarty,

Ms. B Conway declared the proposal to be carried.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. McCarthy and Seconded by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen it was agreed to resolve that Kerry County Council make the County of Kerry (Casual Trading) Bye-Laws 2018 (Kenmare, Co. Kerry) in relation to the control, regulation, supervision and administration of Casual Trading in Kenmare, Co. Kerry in exercise of its powers under Section 6 of the Casual Trading Act, 1995 and Part 1 of Schedule 14A of the Local Government Reform Act, 2014.

(a)27.03.18.02 To note update report from Economic and Community Development Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)

The Local Enterprise Office has received its 2018 budget allocation from Enterprise Ireland. It is in line with expectations and shows a marginal increase from the 2017 allocation.

March 2018 was designated as Enterprise Month in the County. Throughout the month there will be a series of enterprise focused events run by different state agencies. Amongst the highlights of the events run by the LEO office will be the County Enterprise Awards, the Student Enterprise Awards, an Employment Law seminar and a Succession Planning workshop.

There is ongoing engagement with clients in the MD for mentoring and grant support and a number of businesses from the MD are participating in our Food Programme.

LEO staff provided a business advice clinic on 5th March in Ceann Eich in Ballinaskelligs. Clinics are maintained in Cahersiveen.

The LEO is involved in the task force looking at the Uibh Ráthaigh Gaeltacht.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT

BRAY HEAD

The design for the upgrading of the Discovery Viewing Point at Bray Head has been completed and environmental assessment is being finalised. It is proposed to lodge a planning application with An Bord Pleanála before the end of April 2018.

FESTIVALS & PARTICIPATIVE EVENTS PROGRAMME 2018

Notification of an allocation under the Festivals & Participative Events Programme 2018 has issued to the following successful applicants for festivals & participative events taking place in the South & West Municipal District this year, with a total allocation of " 53,750 going towards events in the region:

Cahersiveen Festival of Music & The Arts
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Cahersiveen Mountain Roots Music Weekend
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Comórtas Peile Páidí Oḡé
Daniel OḡConnell Summer School Cahersiveen & Caherdaniel
Dingle Adventure Races
Dingle Animation Festival
Dingle Food Festival
Dingle International Film Festival
Dingle Races
Dingle Tradfest
Féile Lughnasa Clochán . Bréanainn
Féile na Bealtaine Dingle
Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí . Milltown
Hardman Triathlon & Run Series Killarney, Dingle, Valentia Island & Waterville
Kenmareḡ Christmas Fest
Kenmareḡ Halloween Howl
K-Fest Killorglin
Portmagee Annual Set Dancing Weekend
Puck Fair
Ring of Beara Cycle . Kenmare
Ring of Kerry Cycle
Sneem International Folklore & Storytelling Festival
The Lost Sheep Triathlon Kenmare (Cork Triathlon Club)
Valentia Island Transatlantic Cable Programme
Wild Atlantic Challenge Kenmare

TOURISM AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME

The Mid-Kerry/Killorglin Tourism Ambassador Programme took place over the first two weeks of March 2018. Participants from a broad range of tourism businesses and organisations in the mid-Kerry area completed the course which covered an overview of tourism in the mid-Kerry area, the value and importance of tourism and ensuring visitors to mid-Kerry stay longer and leave with memorable experiences. Feedback from attendees was extremely positive and strong networking links were established within the group.

COMMUNITY

Tidy Towns Plans

Individual groups have been contacted in relation to the Tidy Towns PlansḡScheme and 15 groups in Sth & West Municipal District have now indicated that they are interested in participating. These are Lauragh , Sneem, Milltown, Caherdaniel, Chapeltown, Beaufort, Glenbeigh, Kilgarvan, Knightstown, Portmagee, Annascaul, Cahersiveen, Kenmare, Killorglin, Cromane.

This project is joint LEADER/SKDP and KCC project to support the facilitation and preparation of Tidy Towns Plans.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme

The mid Kerry Tourism Cluster Town and Village Renewal Scheme project under the auspices of the Killorglin Chamber Alliance is nearing completion. The Visitor Centre has been refurbished and a strong market brand developed.

This project's focus was to brand and market Killorglin as an Adventure Gateway and the access to the McGillycuddy Reeks - make it discoverable on sites such as TripAdvisor and Google Trips. As part of the initiative it was agreed to train local providers on the local product. Work is ongoing with Milltown Community & Chamber Alliance to progress the refurbishment of the Muintir na Tíre Hall into a centre for the performing arts, a youth space and the construction of publicly accessible toilets. A number of meetings have been held with this group. The project in Kenmare is also progressing.

Killorglin Tourism Ambassador Programme

Hosted by Kerry County Council Tourism Unit and IT Tralee, a successful Tourism programme was held in Killorglin with 12 participants. Mid Kerry Tourism Cluster which represents communities from Inch to Glenbeigh worked with Kerry Co Co on this project.

Community Support Fund 2017 and 2018

As previously reported there is ongoing work with community groups to process payments from the previous scheme. A number of groups (38 in total) remain to be paid for the 2017 Community Support Fund and these groups are being contacted with a view to closing these files. The 81 projects approved under the 2018 Scheme have all been sent Letters of Offer, and follow up with these groups has commenced. It is proposed to hold meetings regarding the administration requirements with the groups at local level to solve the difficulties that groups are having and to ease the payment process.

Cromane FLAG project

The plan has been completed supported by BIM FLAG funding. A date for the formal Launch has to be finalised.

Outdoor Recreation Funding

Initial meetings have been held with the two successful Measure 2 Grants under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure fund announced on January 8th last.

The following two projects were approved for Kerry:

- Caragh Lake Ameinty Development - Upgrade of Right of Way " 100,000
- Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail - Development of Loop Walk - " 100,000

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

Chamber Alliances

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

Indicative Schedule of 2018 Rural Grants from Department of Rural and Community Development

Work has also commenced to prepare for the programme of Rural Grants received from the Department as outlined below:

March	<p>Launch of 2018 CLAR programme</p> <p>Launch of TidyTowns competition</p> <p>Announcement of final LIS approvals to Local Authorities</p>
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April	Launch of €38 million SICAP 2018-22 programme Launch of 2018 Town & Village Renewal Scheme Launch of 2018 Rural Recreation scheme Closing date for receipt of CLAR applications
May	Launch of new RAPID/Communities Facilities Scheme Announcement of successful CLAR projects
June	Closing date for Town & Village Renewal applications Closing date for Rural Recreation Scheme applications
July	Announcement of successful Town & Village Scheme projects Announcement of successful Rural Recreation scheme projects

Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update

The Age Friendly Programme provides a national infrastructure to bring key agencies together, at local authority level to plan collaboratively with the interests and needs of an ageing population at the core.

An Age Friendly Alliance has now been established in the County. Invites to participate on the group were forwarded from the Chief Executive.

The public consultation process on developing an Age Friendly County is ongoing. This has identified needs, and actions that could be taken to address those needs. From this a draft document has been developed.

This consultation is based on the framework of the World Health Organisation's Age Friendly Cities and Communities model. The responses require local stakeholders to make commitments to shared action plans addressing housing, our health services, built environment, transport and employment.

Meetings have been held in Listowel, a PROBUS Group in Castleisland and Killorglin.

An Older Persons Council under the auspices of the Kerry Public Participation Network will meet in April also. Nominations are currently being sought to this council.

The draft document will be presented to both groups.

Due to work programme commitments, the Coordinator was unable to attend the quarterly meeting in Dublin.

Under the guidance of the Local Authority and the Kerry Local Community Development Committee, governance will be anchored in a multi-agency Age-Friendly Alliance/Steering Group which will include representation from the Kerry Older Peoples Council/Network.

General Queries

There is ongoing daily communication with community groups and individuals throughout the MD area on various queries from festivals to funding enquiries.

LEADER and SKDP

Leader Evaluation . the process of evaluating LEADER projects is ongoing and the MD Officer is the Kerry Co Co nomination on the Evaluation committee. For the first project Evaluations for 2018, two meetings have been held and 26 projects were assessed.

Clerical Officer – Mr. Tony Taggart

Mr Tony Taggart has been appointed to support the work programme of the Municipal District Officer. Tony will be a point of contact for groups regarding the CSF and other matters.

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we give immediate assistance and funding towards protection and conservation works needed at a site of very significant archaeological importance at Kilaboonia, The Glen, Ballinskelligs. This is a very rare example of a gable shrine and requires urgent attention.

Reply: Following meetings with local group and agreement with the National Monuments service and the landowner, Kerry County Council carried out a rescue excavation on the Cill Buaine gable shrine in 2016. At that time the shrine was over grown and partly collapsed. During the excavation the side slabs were righted and stabilized though it was clear that both were badly cracked and would eventually break. A radiocarbon date taken from a piece of furze charcoal was returned at 475-620 Cal. AD suggesting the Cill Buaine shrine may be one of the earliest examples of this monument type.

The Cill Buaine shrine is an important part of the wider ecclesiastical complex at Cill Buaine and is one of a small number of gable shrines nationally, of which four occur in this part of Iveragh. The feature requires conservation to secure its long term preservation. Any conservation programme will need to be agreed in advance with the National Monuments Service, Department of Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht and carried out with the agreement of the landowner. Funding will be required for any agreed works and funding streams for such projects are limited when the monument is in private ownership. As such any works would need to be funded through local sources.

Cllr. N. Moriarty noted the reply and asked if the council can assist with the works.

Mr. M. O' Donoghue stated that the site is in private ownership. He undertook to discuss the matter with the Country Archaeologists.

2. Cllr. D. Quigg: That this Council agree to locking the Playground in Killorglin at an appropriate time in the evening or make sure that the CCTV system is in working order to ensure that there is no anti social behaviour taking place there, and agree to keeping the equipment and facilities there to the highest Standards.

Reply: It is generally not the policy of the Local authority to lock playgrounds at night as it prevents supervision access and detection. However in Killorglin a number of groups agreed to lock and open on a voluntary basis - to date this has not happened.

Equipment in the playground is maintained to the highest standard with regular inspections undertaken. A harmless mould has grown in the rubber surface and it cannot be removed despite 5 attempts with detergents and steam cleaning.

Cllr. D. Quigg acknowledged the response and stated that he would discuss the matter with the Area Engineer.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: In view of the fact that Beaufort has no Playground, I propose that Kerry County Council prioritise and renew its efforts to provide a Playground for the people of Parish and take into consideration the fact that Beaufort is one of the biggest Parishes in the county with a large young population and accommodates thousands of visitors every year.

Reply: Kerry County Council Ag Spraoi Policy mandates the Local Authority to assist community groups to develop playgrounds in their local areas. The Local Authority has worked with a community group in Beaufort in an effort to provide a playground in the area. To date, efforts by the group to secure a suitable site have been unsuccessful. The Local Authority does not have any suitable land in the area. The community group are to continue with their efforts in securing a site.

Cllr. M. Cahill requested Kerry County Council to renew its efforts to identify a site for the playground.

Cllr. J.F. Flynn stated that he believed that the council owned land in Beaufort and asked if these lands would be considered for the construction of a playground.

2. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask immediate repairs be carried out to the Milltown playground i.e. The surface is completely unravelling, the equipment is in need of repair and a public light is required to keep the area lit at night time.

Reply: All play equipment in Milltown Playground is in perfect repair. Portions of the rubberised safety surface have ravelled but have been repaired. Further remedial works are required to the playground surface and the original contractor has been contacted to carry out these works under warranty. There are 2 public lights adjacent to the playground which provide a supervisory level of lighting to the playground. A dedicated light to the playground is not recommended as it would suggest that night-time use of the facility is encouraged.

3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: What is the up to date position with the proposed Signatory Discovery Point at the Blasket Island Interpretative Centre in Dún Chaoin?

Reply: The OPW have applied for planning permission to Kerry County Council for the development and this is currently being assessed by the Planning Department.

(a) 27.03.18.03 To note update report from Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

Environmental Protection

Business Unit Manager: Ger O'Brien SEO

1) Spring Clean and County Clean Up Day

The annual Spring Clean period takes place each year during April and May. Community contribution is critical to keeping Kerry litter free. In 2017, 5,000 volunteers took part in Spring Clean throughout Kerry and a total of 6,500 bags of hand picked litter was collected.

KWD Recycling are once again facilitating a County Clean Up Day on Saturday, 14th April. We would encourage as many groups as possible to arrange their Clean-Ups on this date and to register their details with KWD Recycling, www.countycleanup.com (Tel. Adele -1850 37 37 37). Upon registration KWD Recycling will provide groups and individuals with bags and high visibility vests and they will also agree a date and location for pick-up of the collected litter.

If local Clean Ups cannot be carried out on this date we would appreciate if individuals and groups could return a Spring Clean registration form to the Environmental Services Section, Kerry County Council, Maine Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry as soon as possible giving us the details of the clean up or alternatively contact at 066 7162000 or environ@kerrycoco.ie.

For all clean ups it is required that

- Litter must be bagged and tied.
- Spring Clean is designed to clean public places of light / hand picked litter.
- No bulky waste, household waste or grass cuttings accepted.
- Bags to be stored at a secure location until collected.

2) 2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative – “Empowering People to Engage and Help the Environment+”

Following notification by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment of the 2018 Anti Dumping Initiative . “Empowering People to Engage and Help the Environment+funding has been made available again this year to support local Authorities and Community Organisations in addressing dumping black spots and targeting those who show such disregard for their Communities and Environment. This year’s initiative will place an increased emphasis on all actors who facilitate the unauthorised movement and disposal of waste and projects that seek to identify and initiate enforcement action on unauthorised waste collectors will be prioritised for funding.

Kerry County Council received ” 40,000 under the 2017Anti Dumping Initiative. Projects funded under the initiative included:-

- Specialist covert camera Surveillance completed in 8 known black spot dumping sites.
- 50 tonnes of illegally dumped waste removed from known dumping locations.
- Advisory Anti Dumping signage procured
- Trail cameras procured.
- Anti Dumping media campaign developed and scheduled to run shortly.
- Bulky waste intake event successfully ran in Ballybunion
- Static Cameras purchased and installed at bring bank facility in Tralee.

A proposal for funding under the 2018 Initiative has recently been submitted.

3)Credit/Debit Card Machines at Ionad Athchúrsála agus Dramhaíola Chorca Dhuibhne in Lispole

A credit/debit card machine has recently been installed at Ionad Athchúrsála agus Dramhaíola Chorca Dhuibhne in Lispole. This will give our customers another option to pay for their waste disposal and recycling. It is proposed to roll out the machines to our remaining civic amenity sites over the coming months.

4)Storage of Waste Electrical items and Cardboard at Milltown Transfer Station

A specially adapted shipping container has been purchased for Milltown Civic Amenity Site. It is proposed to use the container to store small electrical WEEE items and bales of cardboard. This will keep these products dry as they deteriorate when stored outdoors. IT is hoped that such a facility will be provided in all our civic amenity sites over time.

Fire Services

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

Fire Safety and Prevention:

Fire Officers carried Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers recommendations to the relevant Courts during February 2018. Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control:

There is a 16.9% increase in the number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of February on the figure for the same period last year.

There is a decrease of 16.66% in the number of Disability Access Certificate applications received and 29.62% in the number of new Fire Safety Certificate applications received over the same period in 2017. Overall, it is too early in the year to draw conclusions for 2018.

Building Control	Jan - Feb 2017	Jan - Feb 2018
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	27	19
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	18	15
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	71	83

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

There were 181 incidents up to the end of February 2018 compared to 126 incidents for the same period in 2017.

There was an early seasonal spate of gorse fires during the dry last few days of February.

Kerry Fire Service took delivery of a new Class B Water Tender Fire Fighting Appliance during February as part of our programme to upgrade our fleet.

Fires	Jan - Feb 2017	Jan - Feb 2018
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Chimney Fires	37	39
Gorse Fires	14	53
Other Fires	28	19
Total	79	111
Special Services		
Entrapment	3	3
Gas/Chemicals	0	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	0	0
Machinery	0	0
Miscellaneous	7	20
Other rescue	5	6
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	1
Road traffic accident	18	14
Water pumping/flooding	0	2
Total	34	46
False Alarms Number		
Malicious	2	0
Good Intent	11	24
Total	13	24
Total Number of Incidents	126	181
Total Number of Mobilisations	142	215

Asset Management:

Feedback has been sent back to the supplier for to be rectified in order to assist with the final delivery of the project.

Equipment:

A number of Structural Fire Helmets were inspected for training. A plan is being put in place for the servicing of all structural fire-fighting helmets. The CPC (Gas Tight Suits) have been tested.

Health & Safety:

There was one accident this month on the Recruits Course where one member of Civil Defence sustained a Knee Injury.

A Health & Safety Plan was compiled and forwarded to the CFO and the DOS. This plan was discussed with both the DOS and CFO and five top items were agreed from the plan

Training:

Initial recruit training for fire fighters commenced during February. This is to fill positions in Killorglin, Castleisland, Dingle, Caherciveen and Killarney.

Library Services

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

Library Right to Read programme 2018

Kerry Library will again during 2018 participate in the national *Right to Read* programme. *Right to Read* supports literacy development for individuals, families and children as part of a locally co-ordinated, sustainable and standard approach across the country. In 2018, the implementation of Right to Read focuses on support for children and families. The main elements of the Kerry programme will be (i) the Spring into Storytime initiative at all libraries during April (ii) the Summer Stars reading challenge during July & August (iii) Children's Book Festival in October and (iv) a range of Family Reading initiatives during November.

A programme of events, readings, library tours, etc. will be put in place to support this programme and details will be available at each library and on the library website www.kerrylibrary.ie

Review of Mobile Library service

Kerry Library is at present reviewing the Mobile Library service schedule county wide. Any views/comments on any aspect of or on the future delivery of this service to toconnor@kerrylibrary.ie

Kerry Library events programme Details at www.kerrylibrary.ie

Leabharlann an Daingin:

Dé Luain, 26 Márta . Satharn, 7 Aibreán. Monday, 26 March . Saturday, 7 April	Library Decade of Commemorations event: Taispeántas Comóradh 100 bliain Tomás Ruiseál.
Dé hAoine, 4 Bealtaine - Dé hAoine, 18 Bealtaine. Friday, 4 May . Friday, 18 May	Embroidery & Stich Exhibition: from residents of the Gairdín Mhuire Day Care Centre, An Daingean . Dealing with emigration / immigration based on the experiences of older people

Killorglin Library:

Thursday, 26 April	Celebration of World Poetry Day with KNIBS Writers Group
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Water Services

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

Achoimre Stádais ar an 15ú Márta 2018

Status Summary at 15th March 2018

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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:

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Project	Status
Kenmare WSS	The new " 2.8M water treatment plant, built by contractors Glan Agua Ltd at Lissyclearig Upper, is now fully operational. The plant is being operated and maintained by the Contractor for the initial year until February 2019.
Mountain Stage WSS	Tenders have been received for a new Water Treatment Plant ; works to proceed in 2018.
Lauragh WTP	Upgrade Works at the Water Treatment Plant will be done by Contract in 2018.

TIONSNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THAR WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA	
Project	Status
Castlemaine Waste Water	A proposed €1.3M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant was approved by Irish Water in February 2015. To be put to a tender with other WWTPs (in other counties) by IW in 2018.
Kenmare WW	The proposed €10M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant was approved by Irish Water in February 2015. A Consulting Engineer has been appointed and a Planning Application will be lodged later this year.
Kilgarvan WW	A proprietary package treatment plant was commissioned in 2015. Some necessary additional improvement works have been identified and a Design Report and an application for funding of " 400,000 were submitted to IW in August 2017.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works**. **Projects of value €6.557m have been completed in the South and West Kerry Municipal District since 2014** and the list of **current** projects in this area for which Kerry County Council has applied is outlined below

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREAS			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Baile Mór WSS . Burnham East	Replace 980m of 90mm watermain	" 90,000	Completed
MKRWSS Laune View Killorglin	Replace 350M of 100MM Cast Iron water mains	" 52,000	Completed
An Mhín Aird Poc WSS	Replace 410M of 90MM watermain . N86 upgrade	" 35,000	Completed

	works at Ballinasare		
An Ghráig Cloichear WSS	Replace 1400M of 100MM mains (800M done)	" 140,000	Completed
Kenmare WSS Templenoë	Thread 60MM pipe through 2,250M of deficient 125MM watermain	€30,000	Completed
Mid Kerry RWSS Ballykissane	Replace 1.1Km of 100MM	" 143,000	Completed by Contractor MEIC Ltd
Portmagee WSS Knightstown	Provision of Reservoir, 1830M rising Main and 650M distribution mains	" 275,000	Pipes laid and Site acquired; Planning Application to be submitted in coming weeks
Sneem WSS Drimna on N72	Replace 700 of 100MM	" 91,000	Underway by Contractor MEIC Ltd
Cahersiveen Water Treatment Plant, Coulagh	Provide standby Ozone Coulagh WTP	" 65,000	Underway by Contractor EPS
Portmagee, Baile Mór and Dún Chaoin Water Treatment Plants	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tanks. (Baile Mór completed)	" 30,000	Underway
Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd	Replace 820M of 300mm Trunk Main west of Gap Cross	" 230,000	Underway
Dún Chaoin WSS	Replace 850M of 110MM water main near the school (560M done 2016)	" 95,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS Shannera Kilgobnet	Replace 1.55Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 202,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS Cappagh North Kilgobnet	Replace 1.75Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 228,000	Approved
Mountain Stage WSS Droum, Glenbeigh	Replace 750M of 100MM	" 98,000	Contractor MEIC appointed
Castlegregory WWTP	Treatment Upgrade	" 300,000	Approved
Baile an Fheirtéaraigh	Upgrade Waste Water Plant	" 230,000	Approved
An Daingean WSS	Hospital Rd and Goat St; Replace 500M of 200MM main and 20 house connections	" 45,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd	Replace 2.78Km of 300mm Trunk Main to Gap Cross	" 780,000	Requested
MKRWSS – Callinafercy	Renew 7KM of 100/80MM main	" 1,235,000	Requested

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

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

The funding for the Department's **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme 2016 - 2018** was announced in August 2016.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

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

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

The Dingle High Road Group Sewerage Scheme was completed in 2017.

SNOW and COLD WEATHER in early MARCH

It was necessary, due to the extra demand caused mainly by ~~running~~ taps and bursts on service pipes, to curtail supplies by closing reservoir outflows overnight at Cahersiveen and Barleymount. These restrictions ensured that reservoirs and pipelines were not emptied, thus avoiding the knock-on effects of air entrapment, burst pipes etc. All supplies were fully restored within 48 hours.

Mr. C. Mangan briefed members on the previously circulated Water Services Directorate Report and proceeded to highlight the following projects.

Water Supply Projects

Mr. C. Mangan stated that that the construction of the new Water Treatment Plan in Kenmare has been completed and is in operation for the last number of weeks.

He stated that works are to commence on the construction of a new Water Treatment Plant for Mountain Stage in 2018.

He advised the members that the upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant has been approved by Irish Water. A Planning application will be lodged later in the year.

Pipe Replacement Works

Mr. C Mangan also advised members that pipe replacement works have recently finished in both Ballykissane and Laune View Estate, Killorglin.

On the Board of Works road 820m of pipe replacement has been complete.

Pipe replacement works are due to take place from Laune Bridge to Astellas in conjunction with the road resurfacing works.

Pipe replacement works at Callinafercy

Cllr. M. OqShea welcomed the report and referred to the proposed road works at Clлинаfercy. He stated that the roads works can not commence until clarification is received from Irish water in relation the replacement of pipes on this road. He asked if there has been any advancement on this project.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn supported the comments expressed by Cllr. M. OqShea and agreed to the move the following notice of motion. He stated that the road in a terrible condition and asked that road resurfacing works would commence immediately.

22. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: *That all roads in Callinafercy be included in the next roads program.*

REPLY: *The local roads in Callinafercy may be considered for inclusion in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme. However, prior to consideration of these works for inclusion in that Programme, clarification from Irish Water may be required in relation to the potential replacement of the water main network in Callinafercy.*

Mr. C. Mangan replied that an application was submitted to Irish Water for pipe replacement works on 7 km of road at a cost of €1.2m, which was unsuccessful. Subsequently a further Application has been resubmitted for a shorter section of this road. The inclusion of any of these 7Kms in the Roads Plan will improve the chances of Irish Water providing funding for pipe replacement works, because the Road Restoration costs would be lower to IW if major road improvement works were to be done soon after the pipelaying.

Pipe replacement at Joys Cross

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the pipe replacement works at Joys Cross and asked will the remaining section of works be carried out.

Mr. C. Mangan confirmed that the works will be completed.

Reservoir at Dawros

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae asked for an update on construction of the Reservoir at Dawros.

Mr. C Mangan replied that there has been no recent update but the matter is ongoing.

(b) Notices of Motion

1. Cllr. N Moriarty: That we assist in clean up programmes with specific attention to some of our most scenic viewing points. Unfortunately, significant build up of dumping has occurred and is quite visible at (Details with Directorate) area. These are supposed to be the iconic images that our visitors take away with them and in many cases they are marred by the sight of rubbish and litter.

Reply: Clean-up of these areas can be included under the Anti-dumping Initiative if location of sites is provided to the Environment Section.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the response.

Ms. L O' Donnell requested Cllr. N Moriarty to provide her with the details of the location in question.

2. Cllr. D. McCarthy: That Kerry County Council provides more dog litter bins in public walkways, villages and towns.

Reply: Dog litter bins on public walkways and in villages and towns will be provided where staff are available to empty and maintain the bins and dispensers. This is currently only feasible in town centres. The principal issue with erecting dog bins or bag dispensers on walkways that are remote from town centres is the emptying and maintaining of the bins/dispensers; as similar to other waste bins, they will inevitably attract the dumping of ordinary domestic waste which is not desirable.

Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that is a huge problem county wide.

3. Cllr. D. Quigg: That this Council provide Dog Foul bins and bags in the Killorglin area. The current situation is no longer acceptable and must be addressed.

Reply: The current position is that dog foul bins/bag dispensers have not been provided in the general environs of the town of Killorglin. The principal issue with erecting dog bins or bag dispensers on walkways that are remote from the town centre is the emptying and maintaining of the bins/dispensers; as similar to other waste bins, they will inevitably attract the dumping of ordinary domestic waste which is not desirable. However, we will have a discussion with Killorglin Tidy Towns regarding the best means of implementing an effective system in the environs of the town.

Cllr. D. Quigg stated that the matter is ongoing for a considerable amount of time.

Cllr. J. F Flynn wish to concur with the previous comments expressed and agreed to move notice of motion no 5.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that there is a concern that the bins will be used for domestic waste if provided. He acknowledged that the lack of this facility is an inconvenience and undertook that this matter would be discussed further with the Tidy Towns group.

5. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That dog foul bags be made available in Killorglin.

Reply: The current position is that dog foul bins/bag dispensers have not been provided in the general environs of the town of Killorglin. The principal issue with erecting dog bins or bag dispensers on walkways that are remote from the town centre is the emptying and maintaining of the bins/dispensers; as similar to other waste bins, they will inevitably attract the dumping of ordinary domestic waste which is not desirable. However, we will have a discussion with Killorglin Tidy Towns regarding the best means of implementing an effective system in the environs of the town.

See Notice of Motion no 3.

4. Cllr. D. Quigg: That this Council promote and encourage the idea of Travel Coffee Mugs to reduce the number of Throw away Coffee cups that have our countryside destroyed in relation to litter, all Chamber of Alliance and Business owners should be approached to sign up to this initiative.

Reply: This Council does encourage the reduction in use of ~~Throw~~ Throw Away Coffee Cups+. Over the next few weeks Kerry County Council will no longer use disposable cups in its offices. Staff will be given ~~Keep~~ Keep Cups+(a type of travel mug) to use for their drinks etc. The council also

supports the %Conscience Cup Campaign+where coffee retailers are encouraged to supply coffee at the reduced rate to customers using their own non disposable cup.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the response and stated that it is the way going forward.

Ms. L O' Donnell referred to the Conscience Cup Campaign and asked the members if they are aware of any business who wished to support this campaign.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn asked the Environment Department to liaise with the Chamber Alliance to assist in promoting this campaign.

(c)Questions

1. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council regularize all the different signs along Inch Beach?

Reply: A review of signage was carried out in 2017 and the volume of signage on the beach was reduced. Only statutory signage relating to car parking/speed limits, safety notices and bye-law signage remain. A review of signage on the approach roads will also be carried out and any unauthorised signage that is in place will be pursued and removed.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald noted the reply and stated that there is still a significant amount of signage on the beach.

Mr. C. Nagle responded that just under two years ago, there was 60% more signage on the beach. Following a review, the signage has been minimised and standardised as far as possible. Both the safety and statutory signs remain in place and all other signage was put onto the notice board.

2. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council would erect litter warning signs especially on busy tourist routes before the summer season commences.

Reply: Kerry County Council currently erects anti-litter / no dumping signage at known dumping spots around the county. While deemed necessary, the erection of this signage in itself detracts from the appearance of an area. For this reason we are careful where we place such signage. If members are aware of any particular dumping blackspots that require signage to be placed we will look at them on a case by case basis.

27.03.18.04 (a)To note the update from the Housing Directorate Report

It was agreed to note the following report.

Housing Report – SOUTH & WEST

Municipal District.

- **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	889
Net Need for S&W MD (excluding transfers)	708
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	40
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	32

- **Void Management**

<u>Municipal District breakdown</u>	<u>No</u>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	4
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	6
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	6
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	0
<u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u>	16

- **Social Housing Options**

<u>Social Housing Options in MD</u>	<u>New tenancies since the start of the year</u>	<u>Current No of tenancies</u>
LA Housing	2	997
RAS	3	143
Leasing	0	77
HAP	13	52
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	18	1269

4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

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

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

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

		storey		
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House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
The purchase of 3 No. houses is ongoing at present in the S&W, with a further 9 No. houses in Milltown. 10 No. houses in Lispolle are being progressed through turnkey projects.			

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

Since 1st January, 2018, 254 No. requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

Since 1st January, 2018, 26 No. grants have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

Since 1st January, 2018, no bedroom extensions have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

8 SSHA

The Summary of Social Housing Assessment 2018 (SSHA - formerly known as the HNA) will commence next week. As you are aware, this is now an annual event. The 2018 SSHA involves the reassessment by Housing of 1,911 housing applications. As you can appreciate, this is a significant project.

Housing will be writing to relevant housing applicants next week issuing forms for completion and advising of

- A) the necessity to return completed forms with income details/additional birth certs etc. and
- B) that failure to return a completed form with relevant documentation will result in their housing applications being closed.

Those applicants assessed since June 11th 2017 are outside the scope of the SSHA 2018 and do not need to be contacted as part of this assessment. The count date for the SSHA 2018 is June 11th 2018 and the final return and upload date is June 29th 2018.

9 Rent assessment

The annual rent assessment will commence this week for 2018. We will be assessing the tenants in two MDs this year both Listowel and South & West MDs. In total there will be 2,188 tenancies across both MDs assessed with 1,022 in Listowel MD and 1,166 in South & West MD. The resulting change in rents will come in to effect in the first week of July 2018.

As part of this assessment we will be asking tenants to return full change of circumstance forms as usual. However in the case of those tenancies currently on Max rent or on standard social welfare payments we will only request returns where the household circumstances have changed. This will facilitate the calculation of rent based on current information and adding to a better customer experience. It will also free up resources to concentrate on tenants that have not engaged fully with the process. However we will be writing to all 2,188 households in scope.

10. Improvements to the Repair and Leasing Scheme

The Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has carried out an appraisal and review of the Repair and Lease Scheme to assess any operational issues that has arisen since its roll out on a national basis. The review of the scheme has now been completed and the improvements made to the Repair and Leasing Scheme (RLS) will be implemented and take effect from 1st February 2018. The changes listed are as follows:

1. LAs may now enter into Rental Availability Agreements (RAAs or RAS type arrangements) with property owners,
This option will appeal to owners who want a shorter lease term and are prepared to take on landlord responsibilities in return for the additional 12% in rent compared to rental rates for direct leases (i.e. 92% compared to 80%)
2. The minimum lease term has been reduced from 10 to 5 years, this minimum term will apply both where an owner chooses to enter into a direct leasing arrangement or an RAA.
3. Additional funding is available for former bedsits. Approval may be sought from the Department to increase the funding available from the current limit of " 40,000 to " 50,000.
4. Extension of the scheme to allow unfinished properties in limited circumstances. The funding may only be used for the purposes of bringing the dwelling into line with the Standards for Rented Houses Regulations and the property must be vacant for a minimum of 12 months.
5. Apportionment of funds between one or more properties once total funding for all dwellings doesn't exceed " 40,000 per dwelling.

11 Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan

First Time Buyers of new and second-hand homes (and self-build) may apply for a Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan up to a maximum of " 225,000 (in Kerry) over a maximum term of 30 years, subject to lending terms and conditions, and who meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. First Time Buyers (exceptions may apply e.g. for legally separated or divorced applicants)
2. Single applicant's income must be less than " 50,000
3. Joint applicants' combined income must be less than " 75,000

4. The primary earner on the application form must be in continuous employment for at least two years (this can be self-employment) and the second applicant must have at least one year's continuous employment. Certain exceptions can be considered.
5. Aged between 18 and 70 years (i.e. loan term must cease by the time the borrower reaches 70 years of age).
6. Applicants must prove that they have sought a mortgage from two lenders (banks or building societies) and have received inadequate funding offers or refusals from each before making an application for a Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan to Kerry County Council.
7. All applicants will be interviewed by Kerry County Council before the application is forwarded to the Housing Agency for adjudication.

The maximum loan amount that may be advanced (subject to lending terms and conditions) is " 225,000 over a maximum term of 30 years. The maximum loan-to-value ratio is 90%.

The maximum mortgage loan in each case will be determined by Kerry County Council in accordance with lending terms and conditions, the " 225,000 limit, loan-to-value limit and subject to the purchaser's ability to repay.

All applications will be assessed based on the applicant(s) current income, their existing loans and financial commitments. For successful loan applications an additional monthly mortgage protection insurance fee is levied.

How to apply:

Applicants must complete the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan application form and return it to: Loan Section, Housing Department. Kerry County Council, County Buildings, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

For more information including a loan calculator persons interested should go to the following website <http://rebuildingirelandhomeloan.ie/>

Or contact the Helpline for enquiries 051 349720

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

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister and the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government to immediately amend as a matter of extreme urgency the Tenant Purchase Scheme so as to allow Tenants who are residing in Part 5 Properties and who qualify for the Scheme in their own right, to purchase their houses, as the Tenant Purchase Scheme in it's current format discriminates against these applicants and will the Council explain the current situation in relation to Part 5's.

Reply: The Housing (Sale of Local Authority Houses) Regulations 2015 set out Classes of Houses excluded from sale under the current Tenant Purchase Scheme. Under the Regulations, a house which has been transferred to a Local Authority in accordance with an agreement under Section 96 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 shall not be sold. Kerry County Council is obliged to comply with these regulations and is restricted from the sale of such properties on this basis.

Kerry County Council can write to the Minister expressing the concerns with this aspect of the Scheme.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that the Tenant Purchase Scheme is a national scheme and the council has no discretion. He acknowledged that the members have expressed a number of concerns to the new scheme and explained that the Department is in the process of reviewing this scheme. The council are still awaiting the outcome of the review..

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that he believed that the Tenant Purchase Scheme in its current format discriminates against a number of applicants.

It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to the Department of Housing expressing the members concerns.

Questions

1. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council lease a vacant plot of land at Lios na gCraobh Annascaul to Annascaul Adventures for the purpose of grow it yourself community gardens imitative?

Reply: A community garden or community allotment project requires time and commitment to sustain the project, therefore, it is important to ensure that the group is fully aware of what is involved. The project requires community buy in, appropriate structures, and plans in place to ensure success. It is recommended that the group would initially work with the Council staff member with responsibility for allotments and following this the matter of suitability/ availability of sites would be reviewed.

Cllr. S Fitzgerald noted the response.

A.O.B.

Derelict Sites for Housing

Cllr. M. OqShea referred to the ongoing housing crisis and stated that he was calling on the council to acquire derelict buildings within this Municipal District for the provision of housing. Where he welcomed the council's recent purchase of land in Milltown for Housing, he stated that in this village, there is a row of derelict buildings where seven to eight houses could be built.

In response, Mr. M OqDonoghue acknowledged Cllr. M OqShea's concerns, but stated that there are number of issues with derelict properties that the council wants to address and the process is not straight forward. The Housing Programme is a balance between land banks and existing properties. There are a number of other Housing schemes available such as the Repair and Lease Scheme.

27.03.18.05 Operations Health & Safety Directorate

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

1. Roads / Transportation

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

National Roads

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

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

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

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

- Three options have been identified and are being appraised.
- Consultation will take place on the proposals in Q2 2018.

N70 Creamery Cross

- Consultation on the proposals will take place in Q1 2018.
- The Part 8 process will commence in Q2 2018.

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack

- The preliminary design for road widening improvements including a footpath and footbridge is advancing. Consultation on the proposals has taken place in March.
- The Part 8 process will commence in Q2 2018 subject to the necessary approvals.

N70 Brackaharagh

- The preliminary design for this road improvement is nearly complete.
- Part 8 will be published in Q2 2018 subject to necessary approvals.

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

N70 Ballynamona Upper Bridge Widening

- Tenders have been received in March for these works which are to be completed in 2018.

N72 Pavement Improvements and Road widening between Killorglin Bridge and Anglont-" 150k

- A preliminary design is being developed to carryout pavement strengthening as well as providing a footpath/cycle track along this 2.3km section of road. Land requirements and constraints are being examined before consultation takes place in Q2 2018.

N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp -2018 Allocation- " 4M:-

- Land acquisition is progressing well.

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

A consultant will be appointed in Q2 2018 to prepare the detailed design and Contract Documents for this next phase of the N86.

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

N86 Lispole and Mountoven -2018 Allocation- " 0.5M:

- Construction is ongoing and progressing well.
- Traffic has been diverted at Banogue and the embankment is being completed. Blacktop is advancing in all areas and the Cycle tracks are being prepared. The works are due to be complete in

July 2018.

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

- Land Acquisition is progressing well.
- Archaeological testing and resolution is complete.
- The Construction Contract was signed with Sorensens Civil Engineering in March 2018.
- The Site Compound is established and Fencing and Site Clearance is well underway.
- This is an 18month contract with works due to be complete in mid 2019.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works
Pavement overlay and associated works

Status of Projects at Construction Stage

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

Status of Projects at Pre-Construction Stage

<i>Road No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Current Allocation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
N70	Dromavally to Mill Road, Killorglin.	1,300	" 100,000	<p>A Section 38 statutory process has been completed in relation to proposed safety improvement works at 4 locations on this scheme.</p> <p>Pre-tender site investigations have proven that there are cast iron water mains to be replaced at two locations (Mill Rd and Tralee Rd) within the extents of the scheme. Discussions are ongoing with Irish Water and TII regarding how these works will be funded and carried out.</p> <p>Currently, the likely programme of works (strictly subject to the approval of Irish Water and TII) is that the water mains will be replaced over the next 2 to 3 months and that the main construction contract for the pavement improvements will then commence in September 2018 following the peak summer tourist season.</p>
N70	Dromquinna	500	" 600,000	

Status of Projects at Design Stage

N70	Waterville to River Inny	6,000	" 3,500,000	A preliminary design is being developed to carry out pavement
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	Bridge			strengthening on this section of the Ring of Kerry.

National Secondary Safety Schemes

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

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme Restoration Maintenance Programme Bridge Programme Safety Works

The above programmes are outlined in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan that is being considered by the Members at this meeting (27th March 2018).

Specific Improvement Grants

<i>Description</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
Realignment of the L-11653, Low Road at Rossbeigh	" 701,106 (including loan)	The Contract has been awarded to Griffin Brothers Contracting Ltd., Castleisland. The construction of the new road link is continuing.
Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 4	" 1,800,000	The construction phase of the scheme has commenced and 100% completion by Q2, 2019 is being targeted.

Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Clár

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

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. Capital Infrastructure

South Kerry Greenway

The design of the South Kerry Greenway is complete and the final documentation is being prepared for the project. It is intended to start the planning process in early May 2018.

3. Other Operational Matters

Piers and Harbours

Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2018

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

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

Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 22
No. of faults repaired within 12 working days: 41
No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 2
Outstanding Repairs not completed within 12 working days: 39

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

APPENDIX A

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

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

CLÁR Measure 1 (CLÁR Safety package for Schools/Community Facilities)		Grant Aid received	Expected date of completion of project	Notes
Road Markings /Warning Signs	Scoil Naomh Micheal (Sneem)	" 30,000	Early Q2	Land Acquired.

Funding announcement from the OPW

Mr. M O'Donoghue advised the members that the council has received formal notification from the OPW that the sum of " 450,000 has been approved for Flood Mitigation & Coastal Protection works at Rossbeigh.

Kerry County Council has also received notification that funding of " 225,000 has been approved to carry out coastal protection studies as the following locations. He explained that the studies are required before any further works can be carried out.

" 150,000 -Ballyheigue-Banna-Carrahan & Brandon Bay Maharees

" 75,000 - Dingle Bay East-Castlemaine Harbour..

Cllr. M Cahill welcomed the funding and in particular the allocation of " 450,000 for Rossbeigh. He stated that the works which are costing " 1.1m. in total will protect the road and the residents. He

asked when will the provision of Rock Armour at Rossbeigh commence and when does the council expect to commence the studies at Castlemaine Harbour.

Mr. M. O. Donoghue referred to the coastal protection works at Rossbeigh and stated that Planning Permission is required before the works can commence.

With regard to the studies at Brandon Bay and Dingle Bay East-Caslemaine Harbour, he explained that firstly the works will have to go to public procurement. The study will take approximately 12 months to complete dependent on the weather conditions.

5(b) Notice of Motions

1. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: I ask that Kerry County Council do something urgently to repair the Allagheemore, Glen, Ballinskelligs road for health and safety reasons as it is in such a bad state.

REPLY: The final 765 metres of this Local Tertiary road (L-11518) from Duchalla towards Allagheemore, The Glen, Ballinskelligs has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's 2018 Restoration Improvement Programme which is part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan for 2018. This section of the L-11518 is scheduled to receive " 66,957. The remainder of the road will be considered for inclusion in future road restoration programmes. General maintenance will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable by Local Road upkeep funding.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.

2. Cllr. M O' Shea: To ask for a traffic calming system is put in place at the Ballyfinnane Junction.

REPLY: The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has made an allocation of " 54,000 under the Safety Improvement Grant for safety engineering works at this junction. A design will be prepared and the works will be completed by year end.

Cllr. M O' Shea welcomed the response.

3. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask will the pavement on the R561 between Holy Cross Firies and Quinn's Cross be addressed in 2018?

REPLY: The R561 Regional Road from Quinn's Cross to Holy Cross, Firies has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme and is scheduled to receive funding of " 73,500 in 2018.

Cllr. M. O' Shea welcomed the response.

4. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask in view of the proposed major road infrastructural works to be carried out in 2018 between Astellas, via Laune Bridge to the Ballykissane Junction, what preparatory plans are at foot?

REPLY: Pre-tender site investigations on this N70 National Secondary Pavement Scheme have proven that there are cast iron water mains to be replaced at Tralee Road within the extents of the scheme. Discussions have taken place between Irish Water and TII recently regarding how these

works would be funded and carried out. It was decided in the past week that TII will fund the replacement of the water mains at a cost of " 161,000.

Currently, the proposed programme of works is that the water mains will be replaced by Kerry County Council's Water Services Operations Section during a six-week period, starting in mid-May and that the main construction contract for the pavement improvements will then commence in September 2018 following the peak summer tourist season. This is strictly subject to the approval of TII regarding the tendering and awarding of the pavement contract.

Cllr. M. O' Shea welcomed the response.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the reply and stated that this project is long overdue. He asked why can't the resurfacing works from the church to Laune Bridge commence immediately.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that it would not be appropriate to have both jobs ongoing at the same time due to traffic management. He undertook to liaise with T.I.I. regarding the provision of temporary repair works at this location in the interim.

5. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask the TII have they carried out an extensive survey and costing of a new bridge structure as an alternative to the current under pressured Laune bridge Killorglin.

REPLY: TII continue to monitor the existing bridge through a series of planned inspections and checks which are ongoing. TII have not indicated that they are planning to replace the current bridge in any of their current programmes.

Cllr. M O' Shea referred to T.I.I. proposal to by-pass Milltown. He stated that it is towns like Killorglin and Newcastlewest that require a by-pass not Milltown. He expressed shock at the mindset of T.I.I. to consider this project and believed that it is a waste of public money and called on the council to request that a member of T.I.I. would attend a Municipal District meeting to explain this proposal. The businesses of Milltown need the footfall and believed that a by-pass would be the detriment of the town.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn wished to support the comments expressed by Cllr. M. O' Shea.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that the request for a by-pass in Killorglin and the proposed by-pass for Milltown aren't directly related and must be addressed as separate items. He outlined that the introduction of a by-pass for Milltown may have other benefits to the town and may lead to the utilisation of many facilities that the town has to offer. He stated that if members wish a letter can be issued to T.I.I. highlighting the members concerns.

Cllr. M. Cahill wished to support the previous comments expressed and stated it is critical that measures are put in place for Killorglin to address the high volume of traffic in the town.

Cllr. D. Quigg also wished to be associated with these comments expressed by the previous speakers.

On the proposal of Cllr. M O' Shea and seconded by Cllr. J. F. Flynn it was agreed that a letter would issue to T.I.I. highlighting the member's request to construct a new bridge in Killorglin to alleviate the traffic and by-pass the town.

6. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we line the parking area at the top of Coomaciste to indicate car spaces and coach spaces.

REPLY: This car park at Coomaciste can be re-lined within the next few weeks and is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

Cllr. N Moriarty acknowledged the reply.

7. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That the old Balinskelligs Road L11529 measuring 1.3 km be included in the next Multi Annual Roads Programme. It requires resurfacing and a few laybys as well as immediate safety barriers along a small bridge.

REPLY: This Local Tertiary Road L-11529 in Ballinskelligs is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme for 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the Local Road Network. This road will be considered for inclusion in the next Restoration Improvement Programme.

The Council can construct laybys on this road which can be funded through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

The Council cannot provide safety barriers on both approaches to the small bridge on the L-11529 as the verge layout does not meet the necessary criteria for the placement of barriers. Instead, the Council will erect delineators on both sides of this bridge to highlight the issue.

Cllr. N Moriarty noted the response

Cllr P. Connor-Scarteen noted the replies to notice of motion no 8 – 11.

8. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please install pipes needed and road made safer at Lislibane, Kilgobnet, Beaufort.

REPLY: This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

9. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Please provide a light in the vicinity of the recycling site, Coomnahorna road, Caherdaniel.

REPLY: We have investigated this location. Unfortunately, Kerry County Council will not be installing a public light at this location, as it does not comply with the adopted Public Lighting Policy. This location would not prove to be an uninterrupted clear extension of the existing public lighting network. Furthermore, this location is within the Dark Sky Reserve and every effort is being made to reduce the impact of public lighting within the reserve.

10. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: What is the policy for getting parking for residents on public roads adjacent to their homes?

REPLY: Residents on public roads must comply with Car Parking Bye-Laws when parking in public car parks or on public streets. Public car parking areas are for public use and the Council does not have the authority under current legislation to designate parking exclusively for residents adjacent to their homes.

11. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please resurface the road through the Golf club, Kenmare under CLÁR or through another appropriate funding mechanism. The road is used by the public to access Reenagros Park, Kenmare.

REPLY: The Council has a right of way over this road to provide access to Reenagros Park. The estimated cost of repairing and surface dressing the road is " 28,000. A number of measures have recently been announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Clár Scheme. However, there was no measure provided to fund access to roads to community facilities as part of the recent announcement. However, the Council will continue to keep this matter under consideration with regard to finding a suitable funding stream to address the condition of the road.

12. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask is it the responsibility of Kerry County Council or the TII to reimburse motorists who are continuously getting punctures on the N70 Milltown Killorglin Road, as this road is in appalling condition.

REPLY: This majority of this section of road will be bypassed on completion of the N70 Kilderry Bends Scheme. Resurfacing works to the existing road will be carried out at selected locations as part of this scheme. Individual motorists may make a claim to the Council in relation to punctures which they attribute to the road condition.

Cllr. M O' Shea requested that immediate works would be carried out to improve the condition of the road, in particular the section of road from Kilderry Wood to Kennedy's Cross.

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

13. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: An g Cuirfeadh Comhairle Contae Chiarraí soilse poiblí breise, comh maith le cosán agus rampaí maoiliú tráchtá aige Scoil Naomh Baiste, Lispóil?

13. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council provide extra public lighting, footpath and ramps to slow down the traffic at Scoil Naomh Baiste, Lispóil.

REPLY: A number of measures have recently been announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Clár Programme for 2018. The Council may select up to 15 applications in total under this programme for submission to the Department. Measure 1 is Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures and a maximum of " 50,000 per project is available. An application will be required from the school and the form and details are available under the Schemes/Funds section of Kerry County Council's website.

Tá scrúdú déanta againn ar an áit seo. Tá meastachán ullmhaithe maidir le solas poiblí breise. Meastachán do " 6,800 atá i gceist. Tá roinnt beartais fógraithe ag an Roinn Tuaithe agus Forbairt Pobail féin gclár, %Clár+do 2018. Is féidir leis an gComhairle suas le 15 iarratas a sheoladh go dtí an Roinn. Faoi Tomhas 1 tá cabhair ar fáil do Scoileanna/Feachtais Pobail agus tá uasmhéid do " 50,000 ar fáil le haghaidh gach tionscadal. Beidh iarratas ag teastáil ón Scoil agus tá an fhoirm agus na sonraí at fáil faoi Scéimeanna/Maoiniú ar suíomh idirlín Comhairle Chontae Chiarraí.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply and asked will the Area Engineer liaise with the school.

Mr. C. Nagle replied that the he has contacted the school and advised them of the CLÁR Scheme but can make further contact with them if requested.

14. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: An bhfiosróidh an Comhairle Contae an dul chun chinn atá á ndéanamh maidir le uasgradú na céanna aige Dún Chaoin agus ar an Blascaód Mór?

14. Cllr. S Fitzgerald: That Kerry County Council advise on the progress that has been made regarding the upgrading of the piers at Dun Chaoin and an Bláscaód Mór?

REPLY: This project is identified as a medium-term action in the County Kerry Tourism Strategy and Action Plan 2016 . 2022. The OPW is the lead agency, as an Blascaód Mór is a National Historic Park. Following discussion with the OPW, the Council undertook a detailed re-examination of the project early in 2017 which included updating of the working cost estimate which is currently " 7m. The funding of a project of this scale would require significant contributions to the overall budget from possibly all the partners involved as identified in the strategy. This includes the OPW, Kerry County Council, Fáilte Ireland and the relevant Government Departments. It did not prove possible to achieve any certainty regarding funding for the project last year. Nevertheless, the project continues to be discussed between the partners. One matter that has come more to the fore over the past 12 months is the pattern of boat and ferry use. This continues to evolve with the development of Eco Tours using larger vessels and fast ribs from Dingle that do not generally land on the island. This has implications for the provision of pier infrastructure. The OPW have indicated that a Review is required regarding visitor management for the island that would also inform any future decisions regarding this project.

Tá an tionscadal seo aitheanta mar mír meán tearmach faoi phlean Straitéis Turasoireachta agus Gníomhú Comhairle Contae Chiarraí 2016-2022. Is iad Bord na nÓibreacha Poiblí atá mar an príomh gníomhaíocht sa churam seo de bharr go Páirc Náisiúnta Stairiúil an Blascaod Mór. Taréis cainteanna le B. na Óib. Poiblí, dhein an Comhairle athscrúdú ar an tionscadal go luath i 2017, beartas a thóg san aireamh meastachán ar an gcostas, a sheasann faoi láthair ag " 7M. Bheadh gá le maoiniú suntasach ó gach eagraíocht atá i gceist faoi mar atá aitheanta sa straitéis. Is iad atá i gceist na, B. na nOib. Póiblí, Comhairle Contae Chiarraí, Fáilte Éireann, agus na Reanna Rialtais cuí.

Ní rabhathas in ann aon chinnteacht a fháil maidir leis an maoiniú don dtionscadal seo anuraidh. Mar sin féin, tá cainteanna fós ar siúl i measc na bpáirtithe éagsúla. Gné amhain atá tagaithe go mór chun cinn le bliain anuas ná patrún na báid agus na báid farantóireachta. Tá an gnó seo ag athrú leis an bhforbairt atá tagaithe le turasann Eco le báid mhóra agus báid beaga tapaidh ón nDaingean, nách dtagann i dtír ar an oiléan de ghnáth. Bheadh impleachtaí ag baint leis seo ó

thaobh cibé saghas Cé a bheadh a bheartú. Tá Bord na nOibreacha Poiblí taréis a chur in iúil go bhfuil gá le aithbhreithniú maidir le bainistiú na dturasóirí dtí oileán agus go ndéanfaí cinneadh dá réir maidir leas an dtionscadal.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald requested that the Council would make every effort to progress this scheme.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that the Council has been very supportive of the project. The project was re-examined and the working cost estimate was updated by the Council in January 2017. It was clear from liaison with the OPW and the relevant Departments that the level of funding required was not available at that time.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald replied that he understood that the project is to be funded by Fáilte Ireland.

Mr. P. Teahan further stated that following a meeting he attended with the OPW, he was advised that the Management Plan used by the OPW is over 15 years old and until a review of this plan is carried out, it is unlikely that funding would be made available for the piers.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald asked that the process would recommence and that this plan would be updated.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that the Council's discussions with the OPW and Fáilte Ireland will continue.

It was agreed that a letter would issue to the OPW requesting that the Management Plan for an Bláscaód Mór would be updated.

15. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council initiate a Section 38 process on a section of the Sleah Head road so as to facilitate one way traffic for a certain period of time and months in the years ahead?

REPLY: It is proposed that further signage be put in place to reinforce the currently signed clockwise direction of traffic on the Sleah Head drive section of the Wild Atlantic Way prior to the peak summer season of 2018.

An initial review and consultation with An Garda Síochána has indicated that further significant infrastructure would be required to facilitate a one-way system on the narrowest section of the road at Sleah Head itself. However, the Road Design Office does intend to examine the feasibility of the provision of this infrastructure over the coming year.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald noted the reply and stated he believed that some of the works proposed may be unnecessary. He requested that from 01st April to 30th September a one way traffic system would be introduced on the Sleah Head drive. The residents of Dun Chaoin are very much in favour of this proposal. He asked that the process would commence immediately as the current situation can no longer continue.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae seconded the notice of motion and stated that traffic measures must be introduced here. He also believed that the level of works proposed may not be necessary.

Mr. M. O' Donoghue replied that if the Sleah Head drive is to become a one way system significant works will have to be carried out such as the introduction of a turn table to facilitate motorists who don't adhere to the signage. The correct infrastructure must be put in place. The works have been estimated to cost in the region of €100,000.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that the matter has been raised every year with the last five years and called on the council to commence the works. It would appear that the process isn't as straight forward as erecting traffic lights.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald explained that the majority of coaches travel from Paudie O' Shea's Bar clockwise and it is mostly campervans and cars that may travel anti clockwise.

Mr. M O' Donoghue acknowledge the members comments and stated that the council is very committed to resolving this issue and have previously held a meeting with An Garda Siochana.

Mr. P. Teahan explained that a road design must be completed before the Section 38 can be considered.

16. Cllr. D. McCarthy: That Kerry County Council provide adequate street lighting at all pedestrian crossings.

REPLY: Controlled pedestrian crossings under current guidelines are required to have adequate lighting on the crossing. However, the majority of existing pedestrian crossings pre-date current guidance and as each pedestrian crossing is due for upgrade or renewal, enhanced lighting will be included as part of this upgrade/renewal process.

Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that a number of people have contacted him regarding this matter, and have expressed concerns that when they are crossing at the night time, it can be very dark and the cars mayn't see them.

17. Cllr. D. McCarthy: That Kerry County Council provide hoists and changing bench to all public disability toilets.

REPLY: Kerry County Council are currently assessing any additional requirements for all Public Toilets within the County, including any additional disability requirements, and will consider the provision of hoists and changing benches as part of this assessment.

Cllr. D. McCarthy noted the reply and stated that this has come to light due to the increased number of visitors to our towns who require assistance in changing facilities. He asked that the provision of a hoist be included in this programme.

18. Cllr. D. Quigg: That this Council apply for its fair share of the " 875,000 that has been acquired for Footpath repairs and works in this County, especially in the Killorglin area where there is some of the highest footfall in the County.

REPLY: A sum of " 168,840 has been made available for footpath repairs in the Schedule of Municipal District works Plan for South and West Kerry which is being considered by the Members at this meeting. Repairs are being carried out at 3 locations in Killorglin Town and significant footpath improvements and pedestrian facilities will also be completed as part of the N70 Astellas to Mill Road project which will commence in September 2018. Footpath repairs are suitable for funding under the CSMDO fund and allocations from this fund could facilitate additional works at any of the 3 locations in Killorglin listed in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan.

Cllr. D. Quigg noted the response and asked will the funding received for footpath repairs be adequate to accommodate the level of footfall in Killorglin.

Cllr. D Quigg further stated that many of the footpaths in Killorglin are in a terrible condition and with the high level of employment, there is a substantial amount of footfall in the town. He said he believed that the town is not infrastructure ready to be marketed as a gateway to the McGillycuddy Reeks or to apply for Universal Access.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that significant improvements have been carried out on the footpaths on the N70 National Secondary Route through Killorglin over the past number of years and that this would continue with the planned N70 Astellas to Mill Road project. The Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan can only fund footpath maintenance. However. the Town and Village Renewal Scheme for 2018 could possibly facilitate urban improvements.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed Mr. P. Teahan's comments and stated that he was very happy with the works carried out in the town to date.

19. Cllr. D. Quigg: That this Council Provide a Footpath from Glenbeigh Village to Rossbeigh and public Lighting from the village out to FalveysqCaravan Park.

REPLY: The Glenbeigh Community Council have applied for Leader Funding to provide a trail from Glenbeigh to Rossbeigh.

This area needs to be assessed in conjunction with Kerry County Councils Public Lighting Policy. This assessment is ongoing and a pedestrian count will be carried out in Q2 to determine compliance with the policy.

Cllr. D. Quigg noted the response and stated that the request for lighting at this location has been previously requested by the members. He asked that the council would consider the provision of at least one light in the interim until additional funding becomes available.

Mr. P. Teahan undertook to liaise with T.I.I. to complete the assessment as soon as possible.

20. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That a footpath be extended from Steelroe to Kennedys cross.

REPLY: This section of the N70 National Secondary Road is outside the 60 km/h speed limit and well outside the town boundary as identified in the Local Area Plan. It would involve the extension of the footpath over a further distance of 1,100m. Transport Infrastructure Ireland does not currently

make funding available for footpath provision under any of their current scheme categories in these circumstances.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn advised the meeting that the residents of Tinahalla have contacted him regarding this matter and said that there have been several near misses as a result of the blind spot. He stated that there have already been two fatalities and asked that the council would raise this matter with T.I.I.

Cllr. J Healy-Rae supported the notice of motion and said that he made a submission on this section of road as part of the Kilderry project but was advised that it would be dealt with as part of a separate safety scheme.

Mr. P. Teahan undertook to raise the members concerns with T.I.I.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn stated that the residents have expressed concerns that once the road is repaired, it may encourage motorists to speed.

21. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That the mound of gravel be removed from the river Laune.

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

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

Cllr. J.F. Flynn noted the reply and said that he had previously raised this matter. Historically the locals removed the gravel from the river but are now prohibited from doing these works. Killorglin is home to two world rowing champions who could act as great ambassadors to the town and potentially attract the Rowing Championships to the River Laune. However, this couldn't be considered until the debris is removed from the river.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that he had been informed that a Foreshore Licence had been granted at this location and those who had sought the licence could consider completing the works.

Cllr. M. Cahill seconded the notice of motion and stated that there is a substantial amount of debris in the river and called on the OPW to remove the trees and shrubs immediately.

22. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That all roads in Callinafercy be included in the next roads program.

REPLY: The local roads in Callinafercy may be considered for inclusion in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme. However, prior to consideration of these works for inclusion in that Programme, clarification from Irish Water may be required in relation to the potential replacement of the water main network in Callinafercy.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn requested that works would be carried out in the interim.

Mr. B Hickey stated that maintenance works have been carried out on this road but substantial funding will be required to resurface the road and can be considered for inclusion in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's next Multi-Annual Restoration Improvement Programme.

23. Cllr. J. F. Flynn: That a footpath be put outside Cronin's shop in Castlemaine.

REPLY: This proposed footpath would be on the N70 National Secondary Road. Transport Infrastructure Ireland does not currently have a funding stream in place for the provision of new footpaths in towns and villages unless footpath works are undertaken as part of a more significant pavement or safety scheme. Currently, the only means of funding this footpath is through CSMDO funding. The cost estimate for provision of the footpath is " 23k, subject to the land being made available to the Council.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn stated that the issue at this location is that there is a section of road approximately 150m where pedestrians have to walk on the road and with the proposal to increase the speed limit from 50km to 60km as part of the speed limit review, he said he believed that a footpath is urgently required at this location.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that this is a national route and T.I.I. doesn't have a specific footpath programme for towns and villages and would only be considered as part of a safety scheme.

24. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would put a solid white line outside the property of (Details with Directorate). There was always one there and now with the new road, there was a broken white line put back, where a young person was killed in this exact location.

REPLY: This section of road was recently overlaid by the Council and has since been delineated in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that following the fatality of a young child a continuous white line was placed on this section of road. The traffic can travel very fast from Foilmore school to the bridge and requested that the continuous white line would be reinstated. He requested that a letter would issue to T.I.I. outlining the members dissatisfaction to the recent works, while highlighting the tragedy on this road and requesting that the continuous white line would be reinstated.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the proposal.

25. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would erect a crash barrier at Parknasilla turn.

REPLY: This location on the N70 National Secondary Route will be referred to Transport Infrastructure Ireland, as the placement of new safety barriers is managed by TII.

26. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would make an application to T.I.I. for traffic calming measures and LED speed limit signs at Cahir School Kenmare.

REPLY: Two CSMDO allocations have been made available to fund electronic driver feedback signs at this location on the R569 Regional Route.

(c) Questions

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council and Irish Water surface dress the road from Glencuttane Cross to Killorglin town as a matter of extreme urgency as this road is in a very poor state of repair following the relaying of a new Watermains.

REPLY: The L4010, Local Primary Road from Ownagarry to Glencuttane has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme and is scheduled to receive funding of " 145,569 in 2018.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and asked will Irish Water fund the works.

Mr. B. Hickey stated that this stretch of road amounts to 6km in total. He confirmed that funding has been received from Irish Water to repair a section of this road and in addition a further 1.5km will be repaired from the funding received under the Restoration Improvement Programme in 2018. He stated that it is proposed that funding for the remaining section of this road will be included in next year's Restoration Improvement Programme.

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council carry out a review of County Councillor Allocation estimates, as a matter of priority and examine ways of reducing " Health & Safety" costs, material costs, machinery costs, etc, as members of the public continue to question what they describe as exorbitant estimates.

REPLY: The Council previously carried out a review of County Councillor's Allocations and a random sample of the estimates provided in 2016. Approximately 20% of the allocations were expended on projects / works costing less than " 1,000 and a further 50% of the projects were costed between " 1,000 and " 3,000. Less than 15% of projects funded had a works value greater than " 5,000

Estimates prepared under the Councillors Specific Municipal District Operations Fund are prepared in the Municipal District's having regard to the actual costs of labour, plant and materials. Labour rates are set through pay agreements at national level and plant and materials are procured in accordance with national guidance and best practice in terms of achieving value for money. The Council, as is any contractor, is legally bound to comply with Safety, Health and Welfare at Work legislation and guidance, and cannot reduce costs in this area which in any case are essential in terms of the safe completion of works on the public road network and in public areas. The review undertaken on the cost estimates of a random sample of projects were consistent across the county. No provision is made in the cost estimates for the administration / design of the works.

Where works require specialist skills, such as the provision of public lighting, school flashing lights, road markings, the cost estimates are based on previous tender rates for such works.

However, it is acknowledged that more effective value for money can be achieved on higher value works such as public realm projects and which would have a more beneficial impact for the community

If there is any specific project on which the members have a particular query, then the cost estimate can be reviewed.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response and stated that CSMDOF is public money and it is important that the council receives value for money. He referred to an estimate he received for the provision of lighting outside O' Connor's Caravan park for €8,000 which he believed was very excessive and asked that Kenneth Leahy, Public Lighting would contact him regarding this matter.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council give a detailed report in regard to the proposed Pier for Cromane and what progress has been made since I brought in a Deputation to a meeting of the South and West Kerry Municipal District last November.

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

Cllr. M. Cahill requested that the council advance the feasibility study for Cromane Pier. He stated that the local land owner is willing to provide land for access to the pier. He requested that a notice of motion from the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be submitted to the full council meeting requesting the support of all full council members for the construction of Cromane Pier.

Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that this proposal already had the support of full Council as outlined in the reply to the NOM given its inclusion in the LECP. He undertook to revert to the members with a commencement date for the feasibility study for Cromane Pier.

4. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council arrange proper screening and a clean-up of the Council Yard at Cromane Cross as a matter of urgency.

REPLY: The Council will examine the different options available to provide screening for this compound.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response.

5. Cllr. M. Cahill: I propose that Kerry County Council and the Department of Education do everything possible to prevent as a matter of extreme urgency a serious accident or fatality by introducing emergency additional "Health and Safety" measures and Periodic Speed Limits in the vicinity of Gleannagillagh National School, Caragh Lake and take on board the fact that 5 roads meet at the busy junction where this school is located.

REPLY: A number of measures have recently been announced by the Department of Rural and Community Development under the Clár Programme for 2018. The Council may select up to 15 applications in total under this programme for submission to the Department. Measure 1 is Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures and a maximum of " 50,000 per project if available. An application will be required from the school and the form and details are available under the Schemes/Funds section of Kerry County Council's website.

Cllr. M. Cahill asked when is the closing date for applications.

Mr. S. Griffin replied the 05th April is the closing date.

6. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please resurface Kilgarvan Village as parts of the road are in a shocking condition.

REPLY: The R569 Regional Road from Quills Shop to the Old Graveyard, Kilgarvan has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme and is scheduled to receive funding of " 111,000 in 2018.

7.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Has extra provision been made in the budget to take on extra outdoor / road staff in the South & West Municipal District.

REPLY: Temporary seasonal staff are currently being hired to undertake the works outlined in the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan and the Service Delivery Plan for 2018. There will also be permanent appointments made during the year arising from retirements which will maintain permanent outdoor staff number at current levels.

8. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: What is being done to address the issue of overgrown hedges on public roads in the South & West Municipal District in 2018.

REPLY: This Council will continue to implement its current procedures regarding hedge cutting in 2018. To date this year, we have received 3 complaints in the Municipal District. These complaints are currently being investigated.

9. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council erect speed limiters at Inch village before the summer season begins. Location between Inch beach and Inch church. This is an important safety issue with both vehicle speeding and vehicle control.

REPLY: This location is being reviewed as part of the speed limit review and it would be premature to erect driver feedback signs until this statutory process is completed. The design of any new signs will have to reflect the proposed speed limit.

Cllr M. O' Shea noted the reply and stated that the driver feedback signs work very effectively and asked that following the completion of the speed limit review the signage would be erected.

10. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council repair the dangerous wall that is about to collapse adjacent to Killorglin Golf course junction on the N70.

REPLY: This wall adjacent to the N70 National Secondary Road is privately owned and is a matter for the landowner to resolve. The Council have been in contact with the landowner's representative in this regard.

Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that he would be concerned that the wall would collapse.

Mr. P. Teahan undertook to discuss the matter with the Engineer acting on the landowner's behalf.

11. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: When will Kerry County Council commence the construction of the car park adjacent to Green Street, Dingle?

REPLY: The Council is finalising the funding arrangements for this car park which are being provided entirely from the Council's own financial resources. Subject to the funding aspects being finalised, we expect to start work on the project as soon as possible having regard to other works that are ongoing in the Dingle Area at present.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald asked when did the council expect to commence the construction of the car park.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that it is anticipated that the works will commence in early May.

12. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Has Kerry County Council got any reply from the OPW regarding my request that a Public Toilet would be made available to the Tourists who visit the Blasket Island?

REPLY: Visitor management at An Blascaod Mór is the responsibility of the Office of Public Works. The OPW is currently installing toilets for its guides on the island. The issue of providing public toilets has been raised but there are no plans at present to install them. If and when access to the island is improved the issue of a small number of public toilets will be examined in light of best environmental practice. Kerry County Council does not currently have the resources under its Public Convenience budget to install public toilets on the island.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald stated that toilets are required on the Island.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that the provision of toilets would be considered as part of the proposed works to the pier. The overall development of the pier and Kerry County Council's involvement will have to be discussed with the relevant agencies. He undertook to raise this matter with the Tourism unit and the relevant bodies.

13. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council black top the section of street from the Canon's Corner to the holy stone at Upper Main Street, Dingle?

REPLY: There is no funding available at present to complete the works as proposed. However, they shall be considered when preparing the next multi-annual Restoration Improvement Grant submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

Cathaoilreach S. Fitzgerald stated that the road had deteriorated and needs to be resurfaced.

Mr. C. Nagle stated that the section of road can be considered for inclusion in the next multi-annual Restoration Improvement Grant programme and subject to the availability of funding works may be carried out within the next two years in conjunction with the works to the Inner Relief road.

14. Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we please have an update on the request by deputation to have traffic lights/pedestrian crossing installed in Caherciveen to allow for safe passage for all and in particular the more vulnerable pedestrians who regularly use the route.

REPLY: This request to change the current pedestrian crossing from a zebra crossing to a pelican crossing will be discussed with TII at the next meeting regarding the possibility of the provision of funding in the current year.

Mr. P. Teahan undertook to raise this matter with T.I.I.

15. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we again apply for funding for the required large "Welcome to Caherciveen" Signage the design of which has already been agreed by the local development group. This was already applied for in 2017 and we are still awaiting sanction of funding.

REPLY: The provision of these signs formed part of a request for funding last year under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. It will be considered for funding again under this scheme in 2018.

Cllr. N Moriarty noted the response.

16. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That Speed Indicator Lighting be installed at Langford Street to help alleviate the traffic hazards that are a significant safety concern for the Scamps and Scholars Childcare facility and the Community College.

REPLY: The installation of speed indicator signs at Langford Street is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. The location of two signs has been agreed with the Gardai and an estimate is currently being prepared.

17. Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council what is the time frame given to fixing/repairing public lighting to contractors?

REPLY: Under the current maintenance contract, the contractors are required to visit a fault within 12 days. The majority of faults are repaired within this time frame. However, some faults cannot be

repaired on the first visit due to various reasons which include, access issues, special materials required, ESB works required and underground cable faults.

Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that in some cases it can take up to 12 months to carry out a repair. In Kenmare town many of the lights aren't working with over 12 months and referred in particular to the outage at both the bridge and Supervalu. He called on the council to put measurers in place to repair these lights.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae wished to support the notice of motion and stated that the matter had previously been raised at full council. He referred to the Templenoe road where he said that 11 lights are currently not working. Initially the lights were repaired and stopped working again. He said he believed that the Public Lighting Policy isn't working.

In response Mr. P. Teahan stated that an update has been done and currently there are 39 lights not working in this Municipal District, but stressed that there are more than routine problems. The councils lighting stock is very old and must be reviewed and replaced with L.E.D. lighting. The contractor is trying to maintain a very old lighting stock.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that the 11 lights not working on the Templenoe road are new lights.

Mr. P. Teahan stated that he would request the contactor to prioritise this location.

18. Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council will there be a continuous white line put through the village of Sneem?

REPLY: The N70 Ring of Kerry Road was recently re-lined by a contractor operating under a directly appointed TII contract. The lining is in accordance with Chapter 7 of the Traffic Signs Manual.

Cllr. D. McCarthy said he was contacted by a member of the public complaining that motorists are passing each other out on this section of road.

19. Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council if the path leading from the entrance of the Kenmare Bay Hotel to Finnegan's Funeral Home is public or private?

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

Cllr. D. McCarthy acknowledged the reply.

20. Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council will all the tables, chairs and menu boards be removed from the streets of Kenmare when the new trading laws are implemented?

REPLY: The making of the County of Kerry (Casual Trading) Bye-Laws 2018 (Kenmare, Co. Kerry) is listed as an item on the agenda of this meeting. It is the intention of the Council to remove the tables and chairs and advertising signs that are causing obstruction following the making of the bye-laws.

Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that it is imperative that this matter is resolved and that the signage on the street is regularised.

21. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council will the footpath from the Brooklane hotel to the junction of the Killarney road be included in this year's works?

REPLY: The N71 Killarney Road has been identified for further examination under Transport Infrastructure Ireland's HD15 Network Safety Ranking process. A Feasibility Report has been requested and is being prepared by the Road Design Office. The Feasibility Report will highlight the situation at this junction and it may well be the case that this matter can only be resolved through a Compulsory Purchase Order process.

Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that he has previously raised this matter and the land may have to be resolved through a Compulsory Purchase Order process for a tenth of an acre.

22. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would install a footpath after the Eir depot in Killorglin which leads to three estates as there is no footpath here.

REPLY: The installation of a new footpath on the L7503, Sunhill Road would require land acquisition and significant funding. There is currently no funding available to the Council for a project of this scale.

23. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: When will Kerry County Council resurface the bad lags in Kilgarvan Village.

REPLY: The R569 Regional Road from Quills Shop to the Old Graveyard, Kilgarvan has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Restoration Improvement Programme and is scheduled to receive funding of " 111,000 in 2018.

Cllr. J Healy-Rae stated that he understood that the works will be carried out on the road up to the school.

Mr. P. Teahan undertook to clarify the location of the works and revert to Cllr. J. Healy-Rae.

24. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would urgently commence the work needed for market trading in Kenmare.

REPLY: The making of the County of Kerry (Casual Trading) Bye-Laws 2018 (Kenmare, Co. Kerry) is listed as an item on the agenda of this meeting. It is proposed to commence the works early next month following the making of the bye-laws.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae noted the response.

25. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: Has Kerry County Council any plans to progress the second half of the Inner Relief Road, Kenmare.

REPLY: There is currently no funding mechanism available to advance this scheme. However, it remains a priority infrastructural project for the Council in this Municipal District and the project

would be actively pursued if there was a significant increase in the funding to Local Authorities under the Regional and Local Road Specific Improvement Grant.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that the completion of the bypass in Kenmare is a necessity. The traffic in the town can become very congested and lorries find it very difficult to pass each other. He acknowledged that improvement works have been carried out in some locations but requested that the poles would be relocated for health and safety.

Mr. P. Teahan stated that a review to relocate the ESB poles will have to be completed.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that he would be willing to allocate to these works through his CSMDOF allocation.

(6) 27.03.18.06 Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business

(a) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture, Michael Creed TD to introduce a scheme for farmers that will help in the eradication and control of Invasive Species such as Japanese Knotweed and Rhododendron and that this Council takes immediate steps to help address this major problem and scourge in all Public areas throughout the county.

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

Cllr M. Cahill stated that that the department has introduced several schemes in the past to eradicate the species but said he believed that the most effective way of abolishing this is to formulate a scheme that involves the whole community. The eradication of Japanese Knotweed is a huge issue along with hedge cutting and stated that he would have concerns that the public aren't aware that they shouldn't cut the species.

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Mr. Michael Creed.

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council take on board requests from Tourism and Business interests in the Iveragh and Caherciveen region by requesting the Minister with responsibility for the Office of Public Works, Kevin Boxer Moran TD and his Department to extend the Bus and Car Park area and to remove the Flower Bed in the existing OPW Car Park at Cahergal Ring Fort, Kimego West, (Over The Water), Caherciveen, County Kerry as a matter of urgency, as parking for Buses and Cars is an absolute nightmare at this location during the summer period and it is having a negative impact on Tourism in the area.

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

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that this matter was raised by the deputation from Caherciveen Tidy Towns who previously attended this meeting. He acknowledged that this is a matter for the OPW and proposed that the resolution would issue to same.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the proposal.

3. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for the Environment to introduce a "Deposit Scheme" in conjunction with Suppliers, Distributors, large Supermarkets and Private Refuse Collectors, whereby members of the public are charged a deposit when purchasing Glass bottles, Plastic bottles and Cans and are credited when they return these used items as this will greatly reduce dumping, will save millions of euros of Tax Payers money that can be better spent on more important and greatly needed projects and which will most definitely contribute to a much cleaner Ireland.

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

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that he believed that the introduction of this scheme would contribute to the reduction of refuse dramatically.

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for the Environment Mr. D Naughten.

4. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That Kerry County Council please call upon the Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine to ban trawlers over 18 meters length from our inshore harbours as they are having a devastating effect on small fishermen and the environment.

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

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine Mr. M. Creed.

5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That we seek an update in relation to the opening of an extra 8 beds at Kenmare Community Nursing Unit.

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

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the H.S.E.

6. Cllr. M. O' Shea: That we the members of the South and West MD fully support the survival of the inshore fishermen and that the Six mile nautical zone be enforced to restrict the larger fishing vessels from entering.

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

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Agriculture, Food & the Marine Mr. M. Creed.

7. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we write again to the Minister for Social Protection in relation to the eligibility criteria for CE scheme participants. Specifically asking that in cases where participants are coming to the end of their assigned term and in the absence of suitable employment for that

participant and the lack of availability of a replacement participant that extensions be afforded. Schemes that carry out essential community, social and economic services at a fraction of their real cost to the state are going to be starved of personnel if such concessions and accommodations are not made.

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

Cllr. N. Moriarty requested that the conditions of the C.E. scheme would be reviewed to allow the current participant's employment to be extended if no suitable replacement is available.

It was agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Minister for Employment Affairs & Social Protection Ms. R Doherty.

8. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we act immediately to place a protection order on a site adjacent to the Cable Station in Valentia Island as it is of enormous importance that it is secured for the development of the UNESCO bid and subsequent opportunities to the wider community that will result from a successful bid. While we are in a consultation phase for the Local Area development plan, this matter is far too time sensitive to await such a protracted process. Local people and community groups are very anxious that this is protected and ring fenced to benefit all.

Reply: Work on the preparation of a Local Area Plan for the South and West Municipal District is at present underway. The first phase of this process took place from the 5th of February to the 23rd of March 2018 with an invitation from members of the public to make pre-draft submissions and to complete an on-line survey. Following completion of this phase a draft plan will be prepared, together with a Strategic Environmental Assessment, a Habitats Directive Assessment and a Strategic Flood Risk Assessment. The Draft Plan and associated Environmental Reports will be published for public consultation later in the year.

Cllr. N Moriarty noted the reply and stated that this is a crucial site and it is important that a protection order is placed on this location.

9. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would write to the Department regarding extensive wait for Driving Test in this county.

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

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that currently the waiting time for a driving test is between 24 to 28 weeks, which he believed was unacceptable. He said he knew of a person who had no option but to leave their current job as the waiting list for their driving test was very excessive. He stated that urgent measures must be put in place to reduce this timeframe.

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Mr. S. Ross.

(b) Correspondence

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

(d) Approval for the reception of Deputations

(1) On the Proposal of Cllr. D. Quigg and Seconded by Cllr. N. Moriarty it was agreed that a deputation from Killorglin Access 4 All would be received at a meeting for the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(2) On the Proposal of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald and Seconded by Cllr. N Moriarty it was agreed that a deputation from the Deputation from the Valentia Island Committee. would be received at a meeting for the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(f) Any Other Business

Oughtiv road, Maghygreenane

Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that he had received a call from a constituent regarding the condition of the road at Oughtiv, Maghygreenane. Waterville. He explained that the road is in a terrible condition and asked if any Funding Programme was available to repair this road.

In response, Mr. P. Teahan stated that the residents have previously been advised of the Community Involvement Scheme.

27.03.18.06(b) Reception of Deputations

It was agreed that the following deputation would attend the next meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

Deputation from Killorglin Access 4 All.

Re: Accessibility in Killorglin.

Requested by Cllr. D. Quigg.

Deputation from the Valentia Island Committee.

Re: Valentia Island Cable station and all the associated sites designated a UNESCO Industrial World Heritage Site.

Requested by Cllr. S. Fitzgerald

Deputation from the Business in Milltown

Re : condition of the road from Milltown to Killorglin

Requested by Cllr. J. F. Flynn

27.03.18.06(c) Date for next Municipal District Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be held on Thursday 24th May, 2018.

The meeting concluded at 2.00p.m.

Brenda Conway
Meetings Administrator

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