

**These Minutes are edited for Data Protection purposes because in effect putting them on the Internet is publishing them. An unedited paper copy is available on request.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY HELD IN KILLORGLIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, ON FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I COLAISTE PHOBAIL CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN AOINE 19Ú BEALTAINÉ 2017.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald**

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen**

**Cllr. J. F. Flynn**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae**

**Cllr. D. McCarthy**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty**

**Cllr M. Cahill**

**Cllr M. O' Shea**

**Cllr. D. Quigg**

**IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue**

**Delegated Executive for South and West Kerry MD**

**Mr. P. Teahan**

**SEE**

**Ms. J. Foley**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Ms. S. Griffin**

**Municipal District Officer**

**Mr. G. O' Brien**

**A/ S.E.O. Environmental & Planning**

**Mr. B. Hickey**

**EE Killorglin**

**Mr. V. Horgan**

**EE Kenmare**

**Mr. C. Mangan**

**SEE Water Services**

**Mr. C. O' Leary**

**E.E. Water Services**

**Mr. C. Slattery**

**S.S.O. Housing**

**Ms. C. Fitzgerald**

**A.S.O Corporate Affairs**

The meeting commenced at 10.15 a.m.

The Cathaoirleach, Cllr. J F Flynn took the Chair.

**19.05.17.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes**

Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn proposed a vote of sympathy to Cllr. D. McCarthy and his family on the recent death of his father Mr. Denis McCarthy. All members wished to be associated with the Cathaoirleach's comments.

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. D. Quigg SECONDED Cllr. S. Fitzgerald it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017 be confirmed.

### **T.I.I. Announcement**

Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn briefed the members on the recent confirmation by T.I.I. that the following projects in the South & West Kerry Municipal District would be advanced. He stated that T.I.I. has approved funding for the commencement of improvement works on the N70 Kilderry Bends. Approval has also been granted to advance the following schemes to design stage.

N70 Bansha to Mill Road  
N 72 Anglort to Dromavally road.  
Dromnaquinna Road, Kenmare

The TII have also confirmed that they will consider a request from Kerry County Council to proceed the N70 Spunkane to Waterville road to design scheme.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the announcement and commended the staff of the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate, in particular Mr. P. Teahan and the area engineers for their efforts in getting the projects to this stage.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the announcement and complimented the staff of the South & West Kerry Municipal District, in particular the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate for the fantastic developments in the Municipal District. He said what has been achieved here today is a result of the executive and councillors working proactively together.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the announcement and wished to support the previous comments. He stated that all councillors have previously raised concerns regarding the condition of these roads, in particular to the N70 Killorglin to Tralee road.

Mr. P. Teahan acknowledged the members comments. He referred to the three projects given approval from T.I.I. to proceed to design stage. Kerry County Council is hopeful that further funding will be received from T.I.I. to advance the projects to tender stage and eventually to contract stage. In reference to the Spunkane to Waterville road, he advised the members that T.I.I. have indicated that they will consider a request to proceed the road to design stage.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue welcomed the advancement of these projects and stated that this was certainly good news for the South & West Kerry Municipal District. He thanked Mr. P. Teahan, the engineering staff of the South & West Kerry Municipal District and the NRDO office on their work to date.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the allocation and agreed to move the following notice of motion.

***4. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County request Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to honor the numerous requests from Public Representatives in Kerry to surface dress the worst sections of the National Secondary Road Network in the country, from Astellas on the Tralee/Killorglin road to the Church and from the old Liebig factory (where FEXCO propose to provide up to 300 jobs) on the Killarney road to the Church in Killorglin town and where a footpath is also required as a matter of extreme urgency, as this is now a major "Health and Safety " issue for all road users.***

***Reply: This matter has been the subject of numerous notices of motion and representations. TII have confirmed that both the N70 Bansha to Mill Road and the N72 Anglort (Liebig) to Dromavally (Killarney Road) schemes should proceed to detailed design subject to standard TII approval***

*processes. Considering the overall level of funding available for pavement improvements nationally it has been indicated that favourable consideration will be given to proceeding with the above 2 schemes to tender when the detailed design and necessary reports are submitted.*

*In the case of the N72 Killarney Road scheme The Kerry NRDO are preparing a Feasibility Report into the provision of footpath infrastructure and TII have indicated that they will give due consideration to inclusion of these works into the pavement improvement scheme strictly subject to TII approval processes.*

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response. He referred to the N70 Tralee road and said that the condition of the road is a nightmare for people who have to travel it on a daily basis and expressed concerns that it may be another twelve months before the works commence. In regard to the N72 Killarney road, he stated that Fexco has promised up to 300 hundred jobs at this location and a footpath is urgently required. He welcomed the provision of funding for the Kilderry Bends and said that the matter is ongoing with over 30 years. The Kilderry bend are situated in a very built up area, Guesthouses, Holiday Homes and residential properties are all located on this section of road. He requested that the NRDO office would commence approaching land owners as a matter of urgency.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the announcement. He asked will T.I.I. provide funding for the section of the N70 from Astellas to Chubbs Corner this year. He welcomed the works to the Kilderry Bends and said the matter is ongoing since Timothy Chubb O'Connor's reign as T.D. He asked that immediate works would be carried to the left hand lane of the road from Kilderry to Steelroe as it is particularly bad.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue reiterated that all projects announced today are good news stories for the South & West Kerry Municipal District.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald referred to the ongoing speed limit review and asked when the draft speed limit by laws will be brought to the Municipal District meeting.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue confirmed that the speed limit review is currently ongoing. This is a statutory process which includes a public consultation.

Cllr. M. Cahill asked what was the purpose of the black wires, which have recently appeared on the roads.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that they are required as part of a traffic count.

## (B) Reception of Deputations

**(a) Beaufort Community Council**  
**Re: Road and Signage Issues**  
**Requested by Cllr M Cahill**

The Cathaoirleach 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*) thanked Cllr. M. Cahill for allowing them the opportunity to speak at today's meeting. He also extended his gratitude to the area engineer Mr. B. Hickey for his help and

assistance. The spokesperson explained that some years ago the council put in road strips in an effort to slow down the traffic, but it didn't have the desired effect. He raised concerns regarding the speed of the traffic travelling from Beaufort Bridge to the Gap of Dunloe and requested that LED Electronic signage would be erected at the entrance and exit of Beaufort Village. Beyond Galvin's Public House where the traffic exits on the western side of Beaufort Community Centre is an area of particular concern. It is a very busy area as the GAA pitch, Beaufort Community Centre and Beaufort Park Housing Estate are all located here. The matter has previously been discussed with the Gardaí, the elected members and Kerry County Council officials, who have acknowledged that these are serious issues. *(Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request)* requested that Public lighting would be erected from the cross at The Beaufort Bar to Beaufort Garda Station, as people walking the footpath at night find it hazardous.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and agreed to move the following notice of motion

**5. Cllr. M. Cahill:** *That Kerry County Council provide as a matter of extreme urgency on "Health and Safety Grounds " Slow /Children Crossing Signs in the vicinity of the (Details with Directorate), Beaufort Village".*

**Reply:** *The provision of children crossing signs at the location identified is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. An estimate will be prepared upon request.*

He commended the deputation on the upkeep and excellent condition of Beaufort Village. He said the success of the village is acknowledged by Kerry County Council and the general public. It is very satisfying to see the progress made following previous contributions from Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. The deputation's requests aren't substantial and requested that traffic calming measures are introduced into the village, in particular at the community centre which is a very built up and busy area and pedestrians are continuously crossing at this location. He called upon the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate to investigate the deputation's request for additional street lighting in the village and agreed to allocate towards the works through CSMDOF if required.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the deputation and said that the junction at the Beaufort Bar requires traffic calming measures. He believed that the LED electronic signage is very effective and has become very common and certainly would be warranted at Beaufort Bridge. He asked how much does the LED Electronic signage cost.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that the signage cost " 7,000 per unit.

Cllr. M. O'Shea asked if the Beaufort Community Council could submit an application for street lighting under the Community Support Fund Scheme.

Mr. P. Teahan welcomed the deputation on behalf of the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate and acknowledged the excellent working relationship between Kerry County Council and Beaufort Community Council. He advised the meeting that safety enhancements works have previously been carried out in the village in the last number of years. However, the enforcement of speed limits is under the remit of An Gardaí Síochána and undertook to contact An Gardaí Síochána requesting them to enforce the speed limits in the village. He referred to the LED Electronic signage and said that currently a signage programme under CLÁR is in place for schools. Unfortunately, as there is no school located in Beaufort village, the village doesn't qualify for this particular scheme. He confirmed that the village would require three Electronic LED signs at a cost of " 21,000 which is

suitable for CSMDOF. Mr. P. Teahan undertook to investigate the requirement for additional street lighting in the village.

Cllr. D. M Carthy welcomed the deputation and said that it is the people of this deputation that are keeping rural communities alive. He agreed to allocate towards the works through his CSMDOF.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and agreed to allocate towards the works in the village through her CSMDOF.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the deputation and agreed to allocate towards the works in the village through his CSMDOF. He also gave a commitment to highlight the requirement for additional street lighting in the village with the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Strategic Policy Committee and revert to the deputation.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald welcomed the deputation and commended them on the presentation of their village.

Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn welcomed the deputation and complimented them on the success of their village. He said that similar issues exist in other villages in the Municipal District. He referred to the road from Beaufort Bridge to the Gap of Dunloe and said that a submission may be submitted as part of the speed limit review. He believed that the LED Electronic signage would be very effective in the village to slow down the traffic. He asked that the deputation would liaise with the area engineer with a view to providing an estimate of works and revert to the members.

The spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) thanked the members and executive for their time and assistance.

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

**(a)** To consider the proposed works and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as (amended), to widen Ballynamona Upper Bridge (KY-N70-007) on the N70 Tralee to Castlemaine Road in the townlands of Ardateaun and Ballyraymean Upper, Castlemaine, Co Kerry.

On the Proposal of Cllr M OqShea and Seconded by Cllr D Quigg it was agreed to approve the proposed works and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 as (amended), to widen Ballynamona Upper Bridge (KY-N70-007) on the N70 Tralee to Castlemaine Road in the townlands of Ardateaun and Ballyraymean Upper, Castlemaine, Co Kerry.

**2. 19.05.17.02** To note report from Economic & Community Development Directorate

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

**LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE**

April 2017 continued to see a strong level of enquiries from businesses within the MD, seeking information on available supports. There are ongoing referrals to Údaras where businesses are within the Gaeltacht boundaries.

April saw the successful completion of a Digital Marketing programme in Cahersiveen with 16 people completing the programme.

A Start Your Own Business course is ongoing in Killorglin with 20 attendees.

A number of businesses from the MD were represented at The Kerry Business and Jobs expo held on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

In addition a number of food businesses from the MD are taking part in the LEO Food Academy programme that is run in conjunction with Musgraves and gives producers a listing in Supervalu stores.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT (EDU)**

### **leer Learning Camp Northern Ireland/Kerry**

The Economic Development Officer attended the leer Learning Camp in Belfast, Newry & Kerry the last week of March. This was hosted by the Northern Ireland and Kerry Partners. European partners from 10 different regions attended the learning camp.

The iEER is an Interreg Europe funded flagship project bringing together 10 regions around Europe. Initiated by a group of regions awarded with the European Entrepreneurial Region label, iEER will define smart paths and solutions to boost regional entrepreneurship ecosystems supporting young entrepreneurs. The Interreg-funded project aims to boost the collaboration of European and regional actors to better support entrepreneurship, particularly young entrepreneurs. Another objective is to improve the quality of services and structural fund support designed for entrepreneurs, particularly young entrepreneurs. The project aims to break down silo mentality and bring together all actors having a hand in entrepreneurial success. Universities, local and regional authorities, entrepreneurship support organisations and SMEs are closely involved in the project both on the local and interregional levels.

On completion of the learning process the findings are collected, analysed and compiled into regional action plans and into an iEER Boost Growth Handbook. This will be a useful guide for other European regions, outlining best practice.

During the period 2018-2020 regional action plans will be put into place and progress monitored. Lessons learned will be collected into a policy recommendation.

### **Cantillon Conference**

The IT Tralee Cantillon 2017 in association with FEXCO Fintech forum was held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The theme this year was Building Borderless Business. The Conference included industry experts from companies including Indeed, SAP, VoxPro, Dell EMC, Grant Thornton and FEXCO. The 3 key areas were Digital Financial Technologies, Cyber Security and Digital Building Blocks.

The Chief Executive of Kerry County Council Ms. Moira Murrell gave the opening address at the conference. A number of Kerry County Council management personnel attended the conference.

### **Kerry Enterprise Month**

March was designated as Kerry Enterprise Month. The Economic Development Officer attended a number of events during the month including the Student Enterprise Awards, Community Enterprises Workshop and various other events.

### **Dingle Creativity & Innovation Hub**

The Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub was officially launched by the Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD on Friday 28th April 2017. It was attended by the Mayor of Kerry, elected representatives and senior council management. The new facility provides state-of-the-art services for start-up companies to establish, expand and collaborate with other businesses. The Dingle Hub is a community enterprise initiative supported by a range of significant partners including Eir, Dingle Business Chamber, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Kerry County Council and Net Feasa. Focusing on three key areas - Music/Film-making, Animation and Internet of Things (IoT), the Hub will place a significant emphasis on creativity and the role it can play in supporting and developing businesses.

## **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

### **BRAY HEAD WILD ATLANTIC WAY DISCOVERY POINT**

A public consultation in connection with the proposed upgrade of the Bray Head Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point on Valentia Island was held in Portmagee Community Centre on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017. This was facilitated by the Tourism and Planning Units of Kerry County Council Fáilte Ireland, with the architect and environmental consultants for the proposed development also present. Approximately 50 people attended with 30 submitting their observations and comments on the development, which were overwhelmingly positive. The main elements of the proposal include the rebuilding of the boundary wall around the enclosure and the provision of access to the roof of the existing tower.

### **ASTRONOMY COURSE IN THE DARK SKY RESERVE**

A UCC accredited Introduction to Astronomy course which aims to provide participants with a working knowledge of the night sky and equip them with some of the skills they would need to become star gazing guides, was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in Knightstown, Valentia Island. The course was delivered by Prof. Paul Callanan of UCC and Dr. Michael Connolly, County Archaeologist and was a joint undertaking by the Tourism Unit and the Skellig Centre for Research & Innovation. A similar course was held in February 2016 with 33 participants receiving accreditation. The objective running such courses is build up the knowledge base of astronomy and archaeo-astronomy within the community in South Kerry, in order to enhance the visitors experience of the Dark Sky Reserve. Very positive feedback has been received and it is intended to run similar as well as more advanced courses on an annual basis.

In the interest of community involvement, the Tourism Unit organized a community outreach element as part of last weekend's course. The pupils and staff of Scoil Naisiunta Dar Earca in Knightstown, were treated to a fun and age appropriate astronomy presentation by Prof. Paul Callanan on the Friday afternoon. The Tourism Unit raffled family passes to some of the county's tourist attractions amongst the pupils and the excitement and enjoyment was palpable. Both UCC and the Skellig CRI agreed that a similar outreach element will be included as part of any future astronomy courses.

Linked to this is the phased replacement of conventional public lighting in the Reserve with dark sky compliant public lighting and the provision of a Mobile Observatory as a shared resource between the different communities. The first phase of lighting units have been installed in Ballinskelligs and funding has been sought for other towns and villages. The Mobile Observatory is at the research and planning stage and will be the first of its kind in Europe.

## **VISIT BY MAYOR OF SANTA BARBARA**

The Mayor of Santa Barbara, Ms. Helene Schneider and seven delegates from the public and private sector, visited Dingle earlier in the month for Féile na Bealtaine and to promote closer cultural, tourism and business links between West Kerry and Santa Barbara. During his visit to the US for St. Patrick's Day the Cathaoirleach, Cllr. Michael O'Shea, met the Mayor of West Springfield, Will Reichelt, Sean Cahillane of the Irish Cultural Center and others who wish to link Western Massachusetts with West Kerry.

## **VALENTIA TRANS-ATLANTIC CABLE PROJECT**

This project received a boost recently with news that the Hearts Content Cable Station (west end of the trans-Atlantic cable) has been submitted by the Newfoundland Government for inclusion in the Canadian tentative list for UNESCO World Heritage Site nomination. This is the first step in the designation process. They have proposed that a joint application with Valentia be submitted to UNESCO. The Council is working closely with the Department of Arts, Heritage Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs, Valentia Island Development Company and the recently formed Valentia Foundation to progress the Valentia Cable Project. Last year marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the laying of the permanent undersea cable and further events are planned around the anniversary in July 2017.

## **TOURISM SIGNAGE**

Funding has been sought under the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs CLÁR 2017, for the installation of welcome signage on the main approaches to our towns and villages. These will be introduced on a phased basis as funding becomes available with Tarbert, Ballybunion, Cahersiveen, Kenmare and Castleisland included in the recent application. The signage will be attractive and informative, using the Department of Transport's standardized symbols for tourist attractions and facilities. The signs will enhance the visitor's experience and encourage tourists to stop and spend time in the town and generate revenue for the local community.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **CLÁR**

**List of project submitted from South & West Area under the Clar Programme.**

<b>Name of Project Location</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>
<b>Ballyferriter National School</b>	Complete footpath to Oifigí An Comharchumail which included a public Playground and a center which is heavily utilised for Teaching Irish to school kids during the summer months.
<b>St. John's National School, Kenmare</b>	Road markings, school flashing lights and footpaths.
<b>St Finians National School, Spunkane Waterville</b>	Road markings, school flashing lights, lighting and footpaths.
<b>Curraheen NS</b>	Provision of a handball alley for wider community use.
<b>Caherciveen Community Resource Centre</b>	Carnegie Building Upgrade Works to expand further community use and activity in the building.
<b>Beaufort St Mary of the Angels</b>	Access, groundworks, walkway on the campus.
<b>Portmagee Development Association</b>	Portmagee astro tourism Project.
<b>Dingle, St. James</b>	Restoration of the historic St. James Graveyard,



<b>Graveyard</b>	Dingle.
<b>Sneem Innovation Services</b>	Upgrade broadband to facilitate a community social economy project in Sneem.

**Kenmare and Cahersiveen were included in a scheme for Welcome signage with two other towns.**

A number of other projects were also considered but deemed more suitable for other funding programmes.

**Town and Village Renewal Scheme**

Work is ongoing with groups assisting with queries in relation to Expressions of Interest for the closing date of 15<sup>th</sup> May. Full applications will then be developed with groups for the closing date which is the end of June.

Work is ongoing on the two applications that were successful under the 2016 Scheme. Funding of **€71,777** was allocated to Sneem for the Enterprise Centre Group, Sneemec Ltd for the refurbishment of the work space.

Funding of **€46,455** was allocated to Portmagee for the car park which supports the increased number of tourists visiting Skellig.

**Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2017 (formerly Rural Recreation)**

This Scheme was announced at the beginning of May with a closing date of May 31<sup>st</sup>.

There are 3 Measures . Small (up to " 10,000) Medium (up to " 100,000) and Large (over " 100,000). 20% match funding must be provided but labour costs etc can be counted up to 15%. Measure 1 and 2 closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> May and Measure 3 closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> June. Groups are being assisted to ensure correct targeting of the funding.

**Preparation of 3 Year Tidy Towns Plans for towns and villages.**

The LEADER Application process is ongoing on this joint project between Kerry County Council and South Kerry Development Partnership. Tenders for the work for the preparation of 3 years Tidy Towns Plans have been assessed. Once final approval is received this scheme will be advertised. There are up to 24 areas that would benefit from such a plan.

**Cahersiveen Alliance Group Development**

A further meeting was held with the Cahersiveen Alliance Group. At this point one seat remains to be filled to represent sporting organisations.

**Milltown**

Dr Brendan O Keefe concluded a preliminary statistical analysis of the community in Milltown. This forms the basis of a work plan and the development of a community representative structure. A number of meetings were held with community representatives to ensure engagement with the process. Two meetings have been held in the community regarding the establishment of a representative body.

**Cromane**

A FLAG application was made in conjunction with the group in Cromane to assist with their community planning process. The MD Officer has been liaising with the Steering Group.

**Killorglin Chamber Alliance**

Killorglin Chamber Alliance held their AGM on May 4<sup>th</sup> last. This was a well attended meeting and a process to fill the positions for the committee was agreed.

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

Leader Evaluation . the process of evaluating LEADER projects has commenced and the MD Officer is one of Kerry Co Co nominations on the committee. Three evaluation meetings have been held to date.

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

*Provided for under the Local Government Reform Act 2014, Kerry County Council has adopted a framework for public participation in Local Government called the Public Participation Network (PPN) which sets out the mechanisms by which citizens and communities are encouraged and supported to participate in decision making processes of the Local Authority that impact on communities.*

*This PPN structure is independent of Kerry Co Co but has strong links to the Local Authority. The PPN is the main link through which the Local Authority connects with the community, voluntary and environmental sectors in Co Kerry.*

Current Work Programme includes:

- Increasing Registration of Groups.
- Disability Access and inclusion - Education and Awareness raising workshops in conjunction with the DFI . first workshop to be held in Killarney in June.
- Street Feast . promotion of this initiative across the county.
- Promotion of the Community Facilities Fund for Age Friendly
- Killarney Area Plan . community engagement.

## **PLANNING**

Killarney National Park was awarded UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status in 1982 due to the high ecological diversity, extensive habitats and range of wildlife found within the park. A periodic review is currently underway by UNESCO examining the functioning of the biosphere. Kerry County Council in conjunction with NPWS have appointed Mc Carthy, Kelvin and O'Sullivan consultants to co-ordinate and formulate a submission to retain the current UNESCO Biosphere accreditation for Killarney National Park and the surrounding area. The retention of this accreditation involves no new designations and will not result in any additional constraints for land owners. The submission of this application to retain the Biosphere accreditation builds upon the existing network of reserved land in state ownership (The National Park), and the excellent agricultural practices already in existence by the farming community in the surrounding SAC's and SPA's.

There is potential for numerous opportunities through a UNESCO biosphere accreditation:

- Biosphere branding available for tourism initiatives and local agricultural products.
- Website and social media promoting the biosphere and associated groups and events.
- Potential funding opportunities for stakeholders e.g. agri-environment schemes, EU Life projects.

A Grant of " 9,000 towards has been received under the Built Heritage Investment Fund through DAHRRGA towards structural stability and conservation works on Cromwell's Bridge, Kenmare. The works will be carried out over the Summer of 2017.

The County Archaeologist will be delivering part of the UCC accredited 'Introduction to Astronomy' module/course run by UCC, Skelligs CRI and KCC in Valentia on the weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2017.

### **Emergency Notice of Motion**

Cllr. D. Quigg moved the following Emergency Notice of Motion

*That this council write to the J.P.C requesting that a community Garda be placed in Killorglin town to address the rise in Anti Social Behaviour.*

Cllr. D. Quigg stated that Killorglin town has fallen victim to anti-social behaviour over the last number of weeks. The individuals involved are drinking alcohol on the streets, at the Iron Bridge and urinating in the playground as well as abusing and intimidating members of the public. He recalled an incident where a number of the public visited the Iron Bridge to photograph the site and found the individuals drinking as early as 11.00a.m. In the afternoon the individuals moved into the town abusing locals and forced the closure of a takeaway and public house. He said that this type of behaviour is unacceptable and a zero tolerance policy must be adopted. The matter was discussed at a recent meeting of the Joint Policing Committee and the Gardai are aware of the situation in the town. Cllr D Quigg proposed that the resolution would issue to the J.P.C.

Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn seconded the motion and said that the vicinity of the Iron Bridge was full of empty alcohol cans and litter from these individuals. This is a location where it is proposed to construct a walkway for tourists. He recalled an incident where the individuals were urinating in the playground where the public toilets are less than 30 metres away. Many elderly people have contacted him expressing their concerns and feel very intimidated and are afraid to travel into the town to do their shopping. The Cathaoirleach called upon the Gardai to address this anti social behaviour and requested that cameras would be erected in the town.

Cllr. M. Cahill wished to support the notice of motion and said he has also been contacted by members of the public regarding the matter. He said that there have been previous incidents of anti-social behaviour in the town, but these individuals are the worst the town has ever experienced. Many locals are now bringing their children back to the playground in Rossbeigh rather than using the playground in Killorglin town. These individuals are physical and not young and he asked that the Gardai would take action immediately. The residents living in the vicinity of the Iron Bridge are afraid of these individuals. It is a very popular area for tourists and currently the proposal of erecting lights on the bridge is being investigated. Cllr M Cahill expressed concerns that these individuals will injure someone.

Cllr. D. Mc Carthy said he was shocked that this item was coming before a meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District. Killorglin is a lovely town and said the whole matter is a shaming disgrace. He believed that the selling of alcohol in supermarkets should be banned and only allowed to be sold in public houses.

Cllr. N. Moriarty said that unfortunately there are similar incidents of anti-social behaviour in other towns. She referred to the recent graduations from Templemore College and said she would like to see more Gardai patrolling the streets. If people feel intimidated they could approach the Gardai on the street

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald wished to support the notice of motion and said this is a very worryingly situation. The Gardaí have a role to play. People are afraid in their own homes.

Cllr. M. O'Shea wished to support the notice of motion and said that it is a matter for the Gardaí. These particular individuals have caused havoc in the county. He recalled an incident where a fire cracker was thrown through the letter box of a resident of the Iron Bridge. It highlights the level of disrespect these individuals have for the people of Killorglin. He requested that a letter would issue to the Superintendent and Chief Superintendent of An Garda Síochána.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue undertook to issue a letter to the J.P.C., the Superintendent and the Chief Superintendent.

-

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

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council take into consideration the huge success of the Public Playground at Rossbeigh Beach and the success of other Playgrounds at Seaside Resorts around the county along with the phenomenal success of the Wild Atlantic Way, by developing as a matter of priority, a Public Playground at Inch, one of Ireland's finest beaches.

**Reply:** Kerry Co. Co.'s Ag Spraoi Policy mandates the Council to assist Community Groups in the provision of play facilities in their local area. The Council will work with any group in Inch to provide a playground. Any interested group should contact the Council directly.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that Inch is a very busy area and with the success of the Wild Atlantic Way, the number of tourists has soured over the last number of years. He acknowledged the difficulties in acquiring a site for the playground and asked that the council would give any assistance it could.**

**Cllr. M. O' Shea wished to support the notice of motion and said he has been campaigning for the provision of additional facilities at Inch beach for years. The car park is progressing and he welcomed any assistance from the council. He acknowledged that land acquisition is challenging as the area is located in a SAC (Special Area of Conservation).**

**2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** Broadband in Blackwater, Kenmare is poor please ask for an update on what improvements are being made.

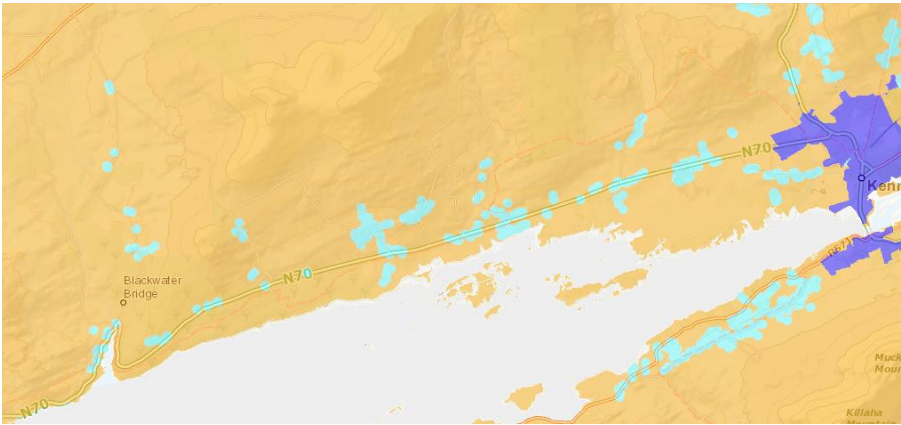
**Reply:** The Government has recently agreed with Eir the roll out of fibre enabled broadband to 300,000 properties nationwide by the end of 2018.

This includes 25,000 properties in Kerry which were previously included in National Broadband Plan intervention area.

These properties are identified on the Dept. of Communications website [www.broadband.gov.ie](http://www.broadband.gov.ie)

As can be seen below the Black water area is included in the Eir roll out.

A specific delivery date is not available for the Blackwater area however Eir are bound to deliver to agreed properties before the end of 2018.



**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen welcomed the reply and thanked the executive for such a detailed reply.**

**3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Can Kerry County Council identify the relevant State Agency who are responsible for the safety of walkers on our mountains?

**Reply:** The inspection and insurance of the majority of way marked walks throughout the county such as Dingle Way, Kerry Way, North Kerry Way, etc is the responsibility of the National Trails Office / Sport Ireland.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply and stated that the National Trails office will only take responsibility for trails up to 600m. The section in question is an esker which has eroded on the trail from Clahane to Mount Brandon located at 930m. He requested that Kerry County Council would identify which state body is responsible and examine the area.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue undertook to investigate the matter further.**

**4. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council how often are playgrounds checked for defaults and who maintains them as the Milltown Playground has a damaged surface and bolts missing from various slides?

**Reply:** Kerry Co. Co. playgrounds are checked every 2 weeks. In the case of Milltown, routine maintenance issues were identified in relation to some loose joints and surface defects. These type of issues arise from time to time across all playgrounds. Repairs were carried out by maintenance crew on week commencing 8th May.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea welcomed the reply.**

**5. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask how many properties have Kerry County Council repossessed under the Derelict Sites Act?

**Reply:** There is provision in the Derelict Sites legislation to acquire derelict properties and have them vested in the Council's ownership. The owners/occupiers of these properties may be entitled to compensation as a result of this process. It has been the policy of the Council to only acquire properties/buildings where a specific need exists to do so. In the past number of years the only property acquired in this way has been the Dingle Boatyard site. A review of this policy is under

consideration at present and where a specific need/use can be identified for such sites, the Council may proceed to acquire them.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that Dingle Boatyard Site was acquired several years ago and since then he has identified several derelict sites in this Municipal District, but nothing has been done with them. In many towns it can be the first sighting on entering the town and referred in particular to Milltown village, where there are a number of derelict properties on the right hand side when entering the village. He believed that the presence of derelict sites is destroying the appearance of many towns.**

**Cllr. D. Quigg wished to support the notice of motion. In Killorglin town, the Tidy Towns have previously raised this matter. Buildings have been purchased over the last number of years and no refurbishment works have been carried out to them. He believed that enforcement is an issue and it isn't fair to the people who are living close to these sites / properties.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue acknowledged that nationally the acquisition of derelict sites has been minimal over the last number of years.. Kerry County Council is actively looking to acquire properties for social housing. He referred to the new Repair and Leasing Scheme where improvement works to suitable vacant properties are funded to bring them up to the standard for rented accommodation and the cost of the works is then deducted from lease payments over an agreed lease term.**

**6. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** That Kerry County Council organise a conference for the Diaspora.

**Reply:** As previously outlined Kerry County Council recognises the importance of the Diaspora and the wider linkages of the Diaspora internationally and nationally.

Council staff are presently engaged with a number of Diaspora initiatives including the hosting of seminars with Connect Ireland and direct involvement with Diaspora linkage groups such as the Killorglin Archives Society.

Council staff have linked with council staff in other local authorities to explore examples of best practice in coastal counties and this could be the initial foundation for a best practice event such as a conference or a seminar.

We are currently examining the best options for engaging support with the Diaspora. Part of this examination will include exploring whether we hold an event locally or is there a greater benefit in having such an event outside the county. We will revert to the council in due course.

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn acknowledged the reply but said he was opposed to hosting the conference outside the county. The Kerry people living abroad have built up a number of contacts in London and it would be an opportunity to showcase what the county of Kerry has to offer. This county has very close links to the Diaspora and again requested that the conference would be held in Kerry.**

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill concurred with the previous comments. This county has a very strong link with the Diaspora and in particular in London where it has been very successful in promoting "Go**

**Kerry” and bringing business to this county. He called upon Kerry County Council to sponsor a table at the “Kerryman of the Year” awards in London.**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty said she believed that it isn’t necessary to host all conferences / seminars in Kerry. An opportunity could be missed to liaise with people from other counties.**

**(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** What is the up to date position in regards to the Legal Proceedings in respect of Knocklyne Valley Housing Estate, Killorglin, what assistance has Kerry County Council offered to the residents to date and when will this Housing Estate be taken in charge?

**Reply:** The position with this estate remains as outlined in previous replies given to the Members. The litigation by the Developer against Kerry County Council is still before the Courts. Kerry County Council has submitted a valid claim on the Bond and this has not been paid to date. The Council has not received any Taking in Charge Application in respect of this estate and the estate remains a private development.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that this is one of the largest private housing estates in Killorglin. There are issues in the estate with public lighting, sewerage and the green area.**

**Mr. G. O’ Brien confirmed that the proceedings are before the courts.**

**Mr. M. Cahill voiced concerns that the matter has been ongoing for a considerable amount of time. He believed that the residents have been hung out to dry and asked that the council would put further pressure on the Bondsman.**

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald said he understood that the same developer has built units in Dingle and asked was there any way of locating the individual and had there been problems with other developments built by this particular individual.**

**Mr. G. O’ Brien replied that the developer has built a number of developments. Kerry County Council has submitted a valid claim on the bond, it is in the interest of all parties to have this matter resolved.**

**Mr. M. O’ Donoghue said that significant progress has been made and the matter is now before the courts.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council give a progress report on the provision of a cable car tourist attraction for the county.

**Reply:** Action 1.12.10 of the Kerry County Tourism Strategy, 2016-2022 states that: The feasibility of providing universal/ disabled access in a sustainable manner to one of Kerry’s mountain peaks outside SAC and SPA designated areas will be examined. It is a medium term objective (3-4 years) and the focus to date has been the implementation of the 110 no. short term objectives in the action plan. It is likely to be 2018 before this objective receives detailed attention.

**Cllr. M. Cahill acknowledged the reply and referred to the success of the Cable Car facility in Dursey Island. He believed that it would be a fantastic attraction to South Kerry and has suggested a number of places to the Tourism Unit to site the facility.**

**3. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** Please ask the appropriate body to provide a web site and app if possible to outline where defibrillators are located.

**Reply:** As previously advised the need to map Defibrillators has been identified. The Defibrillators are put in place by many different groups including Community Council and Sports Organisations, therefore there are a number of stakeholders in this process. It has been agreed that the locations should be mapped and that this information should be made available publicly. Kerry Co Co will liaise with other agencies . and specifically the HSE who would have a primary input here . to advance this proposal under the auspices of the LCDC.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen said he was very satisfied with the reply and recalled an incident where he witnessed a gentleman suffering a heart attack and a defibrillator located close by was used on him. The gentleman may have been in danger of losing his life. He welcomed the availability of defibrillators in many sporting facilities and believed that they should be made available at all public events.**

**4. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we include for application for Clár funding for private roads to community facilities the road into Kenmare GAA and Sports Centre?

**Reply:** Limitations to the CLÁR Scheme were determined by the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs and the number of applications was limited to 20 projects per Local Authority. Private access roads were not included for funding under the 2017 Guidelines.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty said it was very unfortunate that private access roads haven't been included for funding under the 2017 Guidelines and asked that a letter would be forwarded to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs requesting that private access roads would be included for funding in all future CLÁR Schemes. She expressed disappointment that the recent proposals under the Medical Hardship & Emergency Scheme for the South & West Kerry Municipal District didn't receive support from all members.**

**It was unanimously agreed that a letter would be forwarded to the Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural & Gaeltacht Affairs.**

**Mr. P. Teahan stated that the council has no other funding mechanism other than the Medical Hardship & Emergency Scheme to fund private roads.**

**(a) 19.05.17.03 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**

**Environment Report for the South and West Municipal District Meeting 19th May 2017**

### **1) County Clean Up Day**



The County Clean Up day, which was facilitated by KWD Recycling and Kerry County Council, took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> of April last.

The numbers that registered for this year's collection was 4,700 up nearly 1000 on those registered in 2016. KWD have reported that the number of bags collected was significantly down on last year which is an indication of a reduction in flytipping in the county. KWD are carrying out an audit of the type of waste collected, the findings of which will be used to decide future waste prevention campaigns in the county.

## 2) Anti-Dumping Initiative Funding

Kerry County Council recently applied for funding under the National Anti-Dumping Initiative and has secured the maximum available funding of EU 23, 000 for a range of anti-dumping initiatives to further assist in our fight against litter in Kerry. This funding will assist with surveillance and monitoring of known dumping black spots as well as assisting with clean ups and waste removal at these locations.

## 3) Public Consultation on Draft River Basin Management Plan and Rural Development (Leader) Programme

### Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018 - 2021

The Waters and Communities Office are hosting public meetings to discuss the natural waters of County Kerry over the coming weeks. Bláithín Ní Ainín Community Water Officer for Kerry will present information on the latest draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018 . 2021 along with details on how you can have a say.

There will be a discussion on local interests such as: water quality, angling, heritage, biodiversity, amenity use or issues affecting your local waterways. This is an opportunity to share your knowledge of your local waterways.

### Rural Development (LEADER) Programme: Rural Environment Theme

South Kerry Development Partnership (SKPD) and North East and West Kerry Development (NEWKD) will be present for the meetings within their area, to discuss the upcoming targeted call for Expressions of Interest in the Rural Environment theme and sub-themes.

The times, dates and venues for the meetings are listed below. Two meetings have already been held in Tralee (3<sup>rd</sup> May) and Killarney (11<sup>th</sup> May).

Location	Venue	Date	Time
Caherciveen	Ring of Kerry Hotel	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30 pm
Killorglin	Killorglin Library	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	7.30 pm
Listowel	Listowel Family Resource Centre	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 pm
Kenmare	Carnegie Arts Centre	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 pm
Dingle	Benners Hotel	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	7.30 pm

## Fire/Building Regulation

**Business Unit Manager: Michael Hession CFO**

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

- Operational volumes of work up to the end of April 2017:  
There were 318 incidents up to the end of April 2017 compared to 414 incidents for the same period in 2016.  
The number of gorse fires was down from 125 up to the end of April 2016 to 93 for the same period this year.
- Initial recruit training for fire fighters was completed during April. This is to fill positions in Tralee, Listowel, Killarney, Killorglin, Kenmare, Sneem, Ballybunion and Castleisland.
- The crew from Castleisland Fire Station participated in an exercise at Kerry Airport on 5<sup>th</sup> April. The exercise was an airport run exercise to test the airports response and the emergency services initial response to an incident at the airport. There was also a media element to the exercise which involved the 3 Media Liaison Officers from the PRA<sup>s</sup> working with the airports Media Liaison 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 April 2017.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints, retail petroleum stores and as otherwise required.
- A Pre Event meeting was held between Management of the Listowel Community Centre and a Fire Officer in connection a proposed event later this year. Also, current construction works were inspected.

### **Building Control:**

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of April 2017 was 167 which is a:
  - 23.5% increase on the figure of 132 for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of April 2017 a total of 30 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 50 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents decrease of:
  - 23% in Disability Access Certificate applications and
  - 21.8% in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2016.

<b>Building Control</b>	<b>January to April 2016</b>	<b>January to April 2017</b>
-------------------------	----------------------------------	----------------------------------

Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	64	50
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	39	30
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	132	167

## Library Services

### Business Unit Manager – Tommy O'Connor, Co. Librarian

“ The Bealtaine Festival [ [www.bealtaine.com](http://www.bealtaine.com) ], celebrating creativity with age, is held nationally each year from 1 . 31 May. Age & Opportunity invites local authorities, libraries, community groups, active retirement groups, etc. to run events for older people.

Kerry Library has run a varied programme for many years and this year there are a no. of events taking place at libraries throughout the county. Full details are on the library website [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

The following events will be held at Killorglin, Caherciveen & Dingle Libraries:

<b>Creative Writing workshop:</b> with Barbara Lovric	Tuesday, 9 May, 11.00 a.m. . 12.30 p.m.	Killorglin Library
<b>Watercolour Painting Workshop:</b> with Jeanette Cullen,	Thursday, 11 May, 11.00 a.m. . 12.30 p.m.	Caherciveen Library
<b>Creative Writing workshop:</b> with Barbara Lovric	Tuesday, 16 May, 11.00 a.m. . 12.30 p.m.	Killorglin Library
<b>Watercolour Painting Workshop:</b> with Jeanette Cullen	Thursday, 18 May, 11.00 a.m. . 12.30 p.m.	Caherciveen Library
<b>Ceardlann Filíochta:</b> le Bríd Ní Mhóráin,	Friday, 19 May, 11.00 a.m. . 12.30 p.m.	Leabharlann an Daingin
<b>Film Screening: Access Cinema</b> %2 Angry Men+	Thursday, 25 May, 6.00 p.m.	Caherciveen Library
<b>Ceardlann Filíochta:</b> le Bríd Ní Mhóráin	Friday, 26 May, 11.00 a.m. . 12.30 p.m.	Leabharlann an Daingin

“ Details of events of general interest scheduled for Caherciveen Library

<b>Lecture:</b> Internet safety for Parents, with South West Counselling Caherciveen	Thursday, 1 June, 6.30 pm	Caherciveen Library
<b>Exhibition:</b> Walk of the ancestors of Fenian, John Goulding	Friday, 2 - Saturday, 24 June	Caherciveen Library

## Water Services

**SOUTH AND WEST KERRY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING**  
**Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí**  
**Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme**  
Achoimre Stádais ar an 10ú Bealtaine 2017  
Status Summary at 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

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

The Irish Water **Capital Investment Programme 2014-2016** was launched in May 2014. A total of 8 wastewater Schemes (total value of " 10.7 million) and 7 Water schemes (total value of " 22.5 million) in Kerry are included. **A draft CIP 2017 – 2021 has been prepared by Irish Water.** The Schemes in the South and West Kerry Municipal District which are listed in the **CIP 2014-2016** are outlined in the following tables:

<b>CIP TIONSCNAIMH SOLÁTHAIR UISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAM CIP WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>		
<b>Mains Rehabilitation Project</b>	Description	Value	Status
	County Direct Labour	" 2.65M	Pipelaying by Direct Labour - complete
<b>Kenmare WSS</b>	Contractor Glan Agua has commenced construction of the new water treatment plant at the existing reservoir site at Lissyclearig Upper in Kenmare in January 2017. The expected completion date is December 2017. <b>Ultra Violet disinfection is now in operation.</b>		

<b>CIP TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAM CIP WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Castlemaine SS</b>	Approved by Irish Water in February 2015. Design underway by appointed Consultant
<b>Kenmare SS</b>	Approved by Irish Water in February 2015. Design of Upgrade to the Waste Water Treatment Plant is underway by appointed Consultant

# IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

Irish Water has also launched a **Minor Capital Works Programme**. This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works** which can be added to as the need arises. The list of schemes that Kerry County Council has applied for under the Minor Capital Works Programme in the South and West Kerry area is outlined in the table below.

<b>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREAS</b>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>An Gráig Cloichear / Tír Abháin</b>	Replace and extend watermains	" 15,000	Complete
<b>Baile An Sceilg Water Supply Scheme</b>	Replace 580m of 3" pipe with 100mm main at Na Cúla, Baile An Sceilg	" 41,000	Complete
<b>Breanlee Water Treatment Plant</b>	Upgrade Chemical equipment	" 14,000	Complete
<b>Cathair Bó Sine WTP</b>	Connect to Baile Mór WSS and decommission	" 15,000	Complete
<b>Cahersiveen WTP</b>	Install Mag Meters on SSFs; Alteration to Control Hse, Coulagh	" 40,000	Complete
<b>Cahersiveen WSS Mains</b>	Replacement of 370M of pipe on Carhan Road Cahersiveen	" 19,000	Complete
<b>Sneem WSS</b>	Replacement of 650M of 100MM watermain (2 Pipes)	" 95,000	Complete
<b>Sneem WWTP</b>	Upgrade to Air Blower	" 5,000	Complete
<b>Baile an Fheirtéaraigh WSS Imileá</b>	Replacement of 450M of watermain	" 20,000	Complete
<b>An Daingean WSS Marian Park</b>	Replacement all cast iron Watermains network and Lead service pipes	" 55,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS</b>	Pressure Reducing Valves Gearha Cr.	" 24,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS</b>	Reconstruct river Intake, Gearha	" 50,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Gearha Meanus</b>	Replace 4.75Km of 300/250MM Kilgobnet Sch. to River Laune	" 1,055,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 2.5Km of 300MM main Gearha Bridge to Kilgobnet school	" 700,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd</b>	Replace 0.55Km of 300MM Trunk Main east of Kissane Shop	" 84,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Kilcoolaght Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 450m of 50MM mains with 80MM pipe	" 22,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Cappagh Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 3.3Km of 100MM Killorglin Trunk Main Cappa North and South	" 479,000	Complete
<b>MKRWSS – Glenash Killorglin</b>	Replace 160M of 80MM watermain	" 41,000	Complete
<b>MKRWSS – Kilderry</b>	Lay 900M of 80MM watermain to	" 60,000	Complete

	replace 13 No. long connections		
<b>Milltown WSS</b>	Replacement of 320M Cast Iron watermain on N69 through village	" 53,000	Complete
<b>Poulgorm WSS</b>	Lay 350M of 100MM watermains at Abbeylands to eliminate old C.I. pipe	" 25,000	Complete
<b>Mountain Stage WSS</b>	Lay 570M of 300MM and 100MM diam. mains at Mountain Stage	" 127,000	Complete
			<b>Continued</b> ...
<b>Mountain Stage WSS</b>	Replace 2,200M of 160MM water mains	" 400,000	Complete
<b>An Daingean WTP</b>	Covers for DAF Tanks	" 13,000	Complete
<b>Kilgarvan WWTP</b>	Upgrade WWTP	" 148,000	Complete
<b>Knightstown SS</b>	Upgrade WWTP and Fencing	" 117,000	Complete
<b>Cé Bhréanainn SS</b>	Lios Na Caol Buí WW pump-station	" 16,000	Complete
<b>B An Sc. Dún Géagáin WS</b>	Lay 300M of 80MM watermain	" 20,000	Complete
<b>Baile An Sceilg WSS Fearmaoil</b>	Replace 1430M of 80MM water mains with 110MM pipes	" 130,000	Complete
<b>An Mhín Aird WSS</b>	Replace 1600M of 100MM / 80MM mains - N86 road upgrade works	" 165,000	Complete
<b>Portmagee WSS</b>	Replace 820M of 160MM watermains Portmagee village	" 80,000	Complete
<b>Mín Aird WSS - Cinn Aird</b>	Replace 2110M of 75MM mains with 90MM pipe	" 140,000	Complete
<b>Ceann Trá WSS – Com An Liaigh</b>	Replace 980M of 90MM	" 220,000	Complete
<b>CRWSS Castlemaine</b>	Repair watermain on bridge crossing	" 3,000	Complete
<b>Castlemaine SS</b>	Pumpstation overflow repairs	" 2,000	Complete
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Meanus to Annadale</b>	Decommission old 3+main/ connect houses to existing 200 MM main	" 49,000	Complete
<b>Málainn WSS</b>	Aughatubrid Rsvr to Laharan Rsvr Replace 1350M of 4+ watermain with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 122,000	Underway
<b>Breanlee WSS</b>	Replace 7.5Km of 160MM main Glencuttane to Ardmoniel	" 900,000	Underway
<b>An Daingean WSS</b>	Replace 1600M of 150MM main Milltown Br to Green Street	" 220,000	Underway
<b>Lauragh WSS</b>	Replace 1050M of 2+and 3+ watermain with 100MM uPVC pipe	" 182,000	Underway

<b>Waterville WSS</b>	Provide new reservoir at Sosa	" 150,000	Underway
<b>B.An Fh WSS Tír Abháin Thoir Na Gorta Dubha</b>	Replace 2KM of 90MM water main ( <b>830M laid</b> )	" 200,000	Underway / paused
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Ballykissane</b>	Replace 1.1Km of 100MM	" 143,000	<b>Approved; At Tender</b>
<b>Mountain Stage WSS Glenbeigh</b>	Replace 750M of 100MM Droum	" 98,000	<b>Approved; At Tender</b>
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Shannera Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.55Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 202,000	<b>Approved; At Tender</b>
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Cappagh North Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.75Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 228,000	<b>Approved; At Tender</b>
<b>Sneem WSS Drimna</b>	Replace 700 of 100MM	" 91,000	<b>Approved; At Tender</b>
<b>Castlemaine WWTP</b>	Upgrade to ejector house and holding tank, etc	" 28,000	Approved
<b>An Mhuiríoch WSS - Baile An Locaigh</b>	Replace 1335M of 50MM and 38MM mains with 80MM pipe	" 125,000	<b>Continued.</b> Approved
<b>Dún Chaoin WSS</b>	Replace 850M of 110MM water main near the school ( <b>560M done in 2016</b> )	" 95,000	Approved
<b>Castlegregory WWTP</b>	Treatment Upgrade	" 300,000	Approved
<b>Baile an Fheirtéaraigh WWTP</b>	Upgrade Waste Water Treatment Plant	" 230,000	Approved
<b>An Daingean WSS</b>	Hospital Rd and Goat St; Replace 500M of 200MM main and 20 house connections	" 45,000	Approved
<b>An Mhín Aird WSS Poc I.</b>	Replace 410M of 90MM watermain	" 35,000	Approved
<b>Portmagee WSS Valentia</b>	Provision of 300m <sup>3</sup> Reservoir, 1830m rising Main and 650m distribution mains	" 275,000	Approved
<b>Cahersiveen Water Treatment Plant, Coulagh</b>	Provide standby Ozone Plant	" 65,000	Approved
<b>Castlegregory and Camp Water Treatment Plants</b>	Provision of UVT monitor / PLC codes / dosing pump controls	" 30,000	Approved
<b>Portmagee, Baile Mór and Dún Chaoin Water Treatment Plants</b>	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tanks	" 30,000	Approved
<b>An Ghráig Cloichear WSS</b>	Replace 1400M of 100MM mains	" 140,000	Approved-April 2017
<b>Kenmare WSS Templenoe</b>	Thread 60MM pipe through 2250M of existing 125MM watermain	<b>€30,000</b>	Approved
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works</b>	Replace 3.6Km of 300mm Trunk Main to Gap Cross	" 1,010,000	Requested

<b>Rd</b>			
<b>Baile Mór WSS – Burnham East</b>	Replace 980m of 90mm watermain	” 90,000	Requested
<b>MKRWSS – Callinafercy</b>	Replace 7KM of 100/80MM watermain	” 1,235,000	Requested
<b>MKRWSS – Anglont</b>	Replace 350M of 200MM AC watermain	” 95,000	Requested
<b>Cahersiveen WSS</b>	Replace 490M of 200MM PVC watermain	” 61,000	Requested
	<b>Total Value <u>APPROVED</u> to-date</b>	<b>€8,506,000</b>	

### RAL PROGRAMME

#### Remedial Action List for Water Supply Schemes Liosta Oibreacha Feabhsúcháin do Scéimeanna Uisce

The Schemes in the South and West Kerry areas are listed below.

	<b>Scéimeanna RAL RAL Schemes</b>	<b>Uasghrádú Up-Grade Works</b>	<b>Stádas Status</b>
1	<b>An Baile Breac</b>	Provision of a Slow Sand Filters Water Treatment Plant	Completed
2	<b>An Ceapaigh Thiar</b>	Connect to An Clochán WTP	Completed
3	<b>An Clochán</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
4	<b>An Daingean</b>	Minor upgrade of existing WTP	Completed
5	<b>An Fheothanach</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
6	<b>An Gleann WSS</b>	Connect to Baile An Sceilg and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
7	<b>An Mhín Aird No. 3</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
8	<b>An Mhín Aird No. 2</b>	Connect to An Mhín Aird No.3 and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
9	<b>An Mhín Aird No. 1</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
10	<b>An Mhuiríoch Baile Breac</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
11	<b>Annascaul WSS</b>	Provision of a WTP (S.S.Fs.)	Completed
12	<b>Aughacarla WSS</b>	Provision of a WTP (S.S.Fs.)	Completed
13	<b>Baile an Fheirtéaraigh</b>	Provision of WTPs . 4 sites	Completed
14	<b>Baile An Lochaigh</b>	Connect to An Mhuiríoch Baile Na nGall WSS and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
15	<b>Baile an Sceilg</b>	Connect to Waterville WSS and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
16	<b>Baile Mór</b>	Provision of a WTP (SSFs)	Completed
17	<b>Baile Na bFhionn Úrach</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
18	<b>Breanlee</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
19	<b>Cahersiveen</b>	Upgrade Works	Completed
20	<b>Caherdaniel</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
21	<b>Camp</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
22	<b>Caragh Lake</b>	<b>New Filtration Plant in operation; Proposal to carry out further works submitted by KCC to IW.</b>	<b>Underway</b>



23	<b>Castlecove</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
24	<b>Castlegregory WSS</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
25	<b>Cé Bhréanainn</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
26	<b>Ceann Trá</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
27	<b>Cill Maoilchéadair</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
28	<b>Dún Chaoin</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
39	<b>Emlaghpeasta</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
30	<b>Gleann Fán</b>	Connect to Ceann Trá WSS and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
31	<b>Glenbeigh</b>	Connect to Mountain Stage WSS and <b>decommission</b>	Completed
32	<b>Inch</b>	Minor upgrade of existing WTP	Completed
33	<b>Kilgarvan</b>	Provision of WTP	Completed
34	<b>Lauragh</b>	Up-grade existing WTP	Ongoing
35	<b>Lios Cearnaigh</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
36	<b>Málainn</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
37	<b>Mid Kerry – Gearha</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
38	<b>Milltown (Poulgorm)</b>	Provision of a WTP at Knockavota reservoir	Completed
39	<b>Mountain Stage WTP</b>	Provision of a WTP	<b>Tender late 2017</b>
40	<b>Portmagee</b>	Provision of new well sources and a WTP	Completed
41	<b>Sneem</b>	Provision of a WTP	Completed
42	<b>Templenoe</b>	Connect to Kenmare WSS; decommission	Completed

**This is a substantial programme which includes significant changes / upgrades to 42 WSSs at 53 separate sites. Most of these upgrades are designed in-house by KCC staff.**

### **THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

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

The funding for **2016 - 2018** was announced on the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

#### **Takeover of Group Schemes**

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

Nationally, discussions are ongoing between the **DoHP&LG**, the **County and City Managers' Association** and **Irish Water** to develop 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).**

### **Draft River Basin Management Plan**

Mr. M. O'Donoghue referred members to item no 3 under Environmental Protection in the Directorate report and said that currently the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2018-2021 is been compiled. The Waters and Communities office are hosting public meetings to discuss the natural waters of County Kerry over the coming weeks.

Mr. C. Mangan referred members to the Water Services report and wished to highlight the following items.

### **Kenmare Water Treatment Plant**

Mr. C Mangan stated that the construction of the new water treatment plant in Kenmare is ongoing and is due to be completed by December 2017.

### **Mountain Stage Water Treatment Plant**

Mr. C. Mangan advised the members that a new water treatment plant is to be constructed in Mountain Stage. It is due to go to tender towards the end of 2017.

### **Breanlee**

The replacement of 7.5km of pipe is currently underway from Glencuttane to Ardmoniel.

### **Castlemaine to Tralee Road**

Mr. C. Mangan explained that pipe replacement works of 3.5km on the Castlemaine to Tralee road will commence in the autumn when the existing works are complete.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea enquired if there had been a reduction in the number of announcements from Irish Water regarding schemes pending. He stated that he made enquires nationally and was advised that funding from Irish Water has reduced.**

**Mr. C. Mangan stated that IW has recently changed its system of allocation. Previously, each local authority applied for grants for pipe replacement projects etc on an individual basis, and then followed up on such applications in a piece-meal way. Each case was considered individually. A new, national, Network Programmes system of allocation has now been introduced, and the changeover process to this new grant system may have affected the flow of funding.**

**Mr. C. Mangan also remarked more generally that if there were to be any reduction in the flow of funding in the coming period that would not be surprising because IW's originally planned income stream has dried up.**

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

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** Will Kerry County Council help address the matter of Dog Fouling and ensure that due consideration is given to wheelchair users and parents pushing prams by providing poo bags, designated bins and signs adjacent to Public Footpaths in all towns and villages, designated walkways and in the vicinity of all Sports facilities, throughout the county.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council takes the issue of Dog Fouling very seriously. Our Litter Wardens carry out regular patrols in problematic areas and walking routes. As previously pointed out, prosecuting offenders is extremely difficult. The issue has again been highlighted as a priority area in our recently adopted Litter Management Plan. Dog Foul bag dispensers and bags are available to be placed at locations as required.

**Cllr. M. Cahill** said that he could only begin to imagine how frustrating it is for wheelchair users and called upon all dog walkers to show consideration and ensure that they clean up after their dogs. The dog foul bags are available in all public places and asked that the council would monitor the walking routes to ensure that the dog foul bags are available at all times.

**2. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we engage fully and formally with Comh Coiste Gaeltacht Uibh Rathaigh on the Plean Teanga and the recently commissioned socio economic and demographic profile study of the area.

**Reply:** In line with the 2012 Gaeltacht Act (Section 12), and in addition to the supports in our Scéimeanna Gaeilge to date, Kerry County Council has committed to support the protection and promotion of Irish in the Gaeltacht. We will arrange, through the Irish Office, to meet with the Comhcoiste as requested on the Plean Teanga.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty** welcomed the meeting of Kerry County Council with Comhcoiste and said that unfortunately the report doesn't make good reading. She said it was concerning that no Irish speaking people live in the area.

**3. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council to extend the opening hours of waste transfer stations to at least 5 1/2 days per week during peak season.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has 5 Civic Amenity Facilities around the County. 3 of these sites, Milltown, Coolcashlagh and Kenmare are open 5½ days per week and the remaining 2, Caherciveen and Dingle are open 4½ days per week. Regrettably, at this time, operating budgets do not allow for any increases in opening hours but the matter can be kept under review.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy** expressed concern that the opening hours of the Transfer Stations in Kenmare and Caherciveen will change and asked that they would remain open 5 ½ days per week. He believed that a reduction in opening hours will increase the risk of illegal dumping.

**Mr. G. O' Brien** referred to the response and said that unfortunately the operating budgets do not allow for any increase to the opening hours of the Transfer Stations. During the off season there is no requirement to extend the opening hours of the facility. He undertook to keep the matter under review.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy** reiterated his concerns of illegal dumping and believed that this will incur its own expense.

**Mr. G. O' Brien** stated that while he acknowledged that there have been incidents of illegal dumping, he stated that the majority of the public use the Transfer Stations to dispose of their refuse. The Environment Department tries to monitor this activity through CCTV and will continue to liaise with the Tidy Town's committee.

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue** referred to the Anti-Dumping Initiative fund which supports the clean-up of dumping black-spots and to target those who engage in this illegal practice. Kerry County

**Council will receive the maximum funding from this initiative and the anti-litter program will be expanded.**

**4. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That Kerry County Council put in place litter and dog foul bins along the new by pass road in Kenmare.

**Reply:** The Operations Department currently sweep the eastern relief road in Kenmare on a weekly basis and having assessed the matter, feel that it is not a suitable location for the installation of bins.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy acknowledged the reply.**

**5. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** When will the new water main at Ardmoniel be finished.

**Reply:** This " 1M / 8Km / 300MM and 150MM diameter water mains job, currently being done by Council staff, is scheduled for completion in **September 2017**.

The work involves the replacement of most of the old and problematic asbestos pipe from Breanlee to Killorglin, and also enables the welcome connection of the Mid Kerry and Breanlee schemes.

**Cllr J. F. Flynn said that when there are outages at Breanlee, it also affects Caragh Lake and asked will these measures rectify the problem at Caragh Lake.**

**Mr. C. Mangan replied that it will solve this problem in as much as this water supply, services the area from Breanlee to Glannagillagh.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the reply and said that the people of Mid- Kerry are very frustrated with the ongoing outages and breaks in the Mid-Kerry water supply network. The section at Breanlee is particularly troublesome. This problem isn't going away and both the business and farming community are suffering. He called upon Irish Water to replace the section at Liebic.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue referred to the Water Services report and stated that there has been extensive work carried out to the Water Supply Network in the South & West Kerry Municipal District. While he accepted that additional works are still required to the Mid-Kerry Water Supply Scheme, he reminded members that Kerry County Council has received significant funding from Irish Water to date. He complimented Mr. C. Mangan and the staff of the Water Services Department for their excellent work on the scheme to date.**

**6. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this council reverse the decision to charge for bags for recyclables at transfer stations.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has charged for Eco Sense bags for many years. What has recently been introduced is a charge for recycling of newspapers and plastics. All other materials such as glass, aluminium cans, cardboard etc remain free of charge. The reason for the introduction of this charge was clearly outlined to the Members and such a charge was introduced to safeguard the future viability of these facilities.

**7. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council provide Dog poo bins near the iron Bridge in Killorglin and on the regular walking areas around the Town.

**Reply:** Litter bins are available within the town to dispose of dog foul. Having assessed this location, it is not deemed suitable for the placement of a bin due to the risk of illegal dumping. This regrettably is the reason we are not in a position to provide a bin at this location.

### **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that the issue of Illegal dumping in the area on behalf of the Rocky Road Residents Association, Caherciveen be addressed.

**Reply:** The Council has not received any reports of dumping along this road. The Litter Warden has checked the area and has not seen any illegal dumping. If the Residents Association wishes to contact the Environment Department with a specific location, we will arrange to have matter investigated.

**Cllr. M. O'Shea acknowledged the reply.**

**2. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that Kerry County Council would address the issues on behalf of the Rocky Road Residents Association, Caherciveen; Relocation of the fire hydrant pillar towards the town.

**Reply:** The marker post for the fire hydrant at this location is proving a hindrance to traffic - it will be relocated towards the roadside ditch in the coming days.

**Cllr M. O' Shea welcomed the reply.**

### **19.05.17.04 Housing and Corporate Services Directorate**

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

### **Housing Report – South & West Municipal District.**

#### **1 Housing Applications**

	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	854
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	69
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	73

## 2 Void Management

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	3
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	1
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	5
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	12
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	10
<b><u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u></b>	<b><u>31</u></b>

## 3 Social Housing Options

<b>Social Housing Options in MD</b>	<b>New tenancies since the start of the year</b>	<b>Current No of tenancies</b>
LA Housing	25	987
RAS	4	152
Leasing	5	70
HAP	14	14
<b><u>Total no of Tenancies</u></b>	<b><u>48</u></b>	<b><u>1223</u></b>

## 4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>No of dwellings</u></b>	<b><u>Type of dwellings</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated start date</u></b>	<b><u>Estimated completion date</u></b>
Kenmare	22	12 No. three bedroomed & 10 No. two bedroomed units . two storey.	October 2017	October 2018
Infill Sites, Milltown	8	4 No. three bedroomed & 4 No. two bedroomed units . two storey	Feb. 2018	Dec. 2018
Ardmoniel,	14	Two	Feb. 2018	Feb. 2019

Killorglin		bedroomed units . two storey		
Milltown SRD	1	Three bedroomed single storey	Oct. 2017	Aug. 2018
Ventry SRD	1	Three bedroomed single storey.	Oct. 2017	Aug. 2018

### 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>

### House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Glenbeigh	1	2 bed	March
6 more are progressing and are at various stages.			

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

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 380 requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

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

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2017, 53 No. grants have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

### **7 Extensions to Local Authority Dwellings**

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

### **8 Repair & Leasing Scheme**

A key component of the Rebuilding Ireland Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness is the new Repair and Leasing Scheme, which targets the delivery of social housing and also ensures that existing housing stock is used to the maximum degree possible.

The basis of the scheme is that repair and improvement works to suitable vacant properties are funded to bring them up to the standard for rented accommodation and the cost of the works is then deducted from lease payments over an agreed lease term.

There are a number of requirements in relation to the scheme:

- ❖ The property has to be vacant for at least 12 months
- ❖ There has to be a social housing demand for the property
- ❖ The property has to be assessed as being viable to provide accommodation
- ❖ The minimum lease term is 10 years and is preferably 20 years
- ❖ The lease payments are based on the current market rental rates in the property location, less 20% to cover vacant periods and administration/management
- ❖ The scope and cost of the works, and the recoupment of the works cost through the lease payments, are agreed between the owner and Kerry County Council
- ❖ The initiative is not available for private renting.

If the property is located in an area of need and is suitable for social housing a property inspection will be carried out by Kerry County Council staff who will identify the works required to bring the dwelling to the required standard.

There will be a National Media Campaign as well a local campaign rolled out over the coming weeks. At that stage application forms and further details will be available on our website.

## **9 Assessment Of Housing Need 2017**

The Minister for the Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government has directed that under Section 21 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009, each housing authority<sup>1</sup> is required to prepare a summary, in the prescribed form, of the social housing assessments carried out in its administrative area.

The Minister has directed that the summary be prepared on **28 June 2017**.

The form of the 2017 summary is as prescribed in the Social Housing Assessments (Summary) Regulations 2016.

The purpose of the Summary of Social Housing Assessments is to capture the total number of households qualified for social housing support across the country whose social housing need is not being met, in order to understand the level of need for such support. This is now an annual assessment of housing needs whereas it was every three years previously.

In order to ensure an accurate picture of the housing need in Kerry It will be a count of the total number of households qualified at a particular date in 2017 and housing authorities are required to return this data. It is expected that this will be in may 2017 and we await confirmation from the Department on this. Where a household is eligible and demonstrates a need (in accordance with the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011 as amended by the Social Housing Assessment (Amendment) Regulations 2016, and hereafter referred to as the Social Housing Assessment Regulations), they are then deemed to be qualified, i.e. they are entered on the record of qualified households for social housing support for that housing authority.

The results of the most recent Summary of Social Housing Assessments in 2016 were analysed by the Housing Agency and shows **91,600** households qualified for social housing support nationally- **an increase of 1,728 (1.9%)** over 2013. The figure for Kerry as of 21 September 2016 was 3916.

It is vital that accurate and timely information is returned from all applicants in order to ensure that the assessment is accurate and reflects the true need of the applicants.



The following procedure is proposed to deal with the completion of the Assessment of Housing Need:

1. A rigorous tracing of existing applicants will be carried out.
2. An advertisement will be placed in the Local newspapers and on Radio Kerry.
3. An initial letter will issue from the L.A. to the client.
4. In the event of no reply, a second letter will be sent informing the client that they will be removed from the waiting list if they do not respond.
5. Where an existing applicant fails to respond to two letters from the housing authority, all other available means of communication will be utilised including phone calls and email where this data is available.
6. The Council will then examine each client's application on a case by case basis to determine if the applicant household is no longer in housing need or has left the area of the authority. If it is determined that there is no longer a need or if they have left Kerry, they will then be removed from the list and the application will be closed.
7. Should contact be re-established with the applicant, and where a household subsequently comes back with information, within a reasonable time, then the authority will on a case by case basis determine if that application will be reactivated without affecting the original date of qualification.

### **Housing in Dingle**

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that he was very concerned regarding the lack of social housing in Dingle. People are unable to source accommodation in the town and have had no choice but to move to Tralee. He was recently contacted by an individual who after being unable to source accommodation in Dingle, was advised by Kerry County Council to present themselves to the Homeless Information Unit. He said he was calling upon Kerry County Council to provide sheltered accommodation in Dingle immediately.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill wished to support the views expressed by Cllr. M. O' Shea and requested Kerry County Council to provide emergency accommodation in all towns in the county.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue acknowledged the difficulties in sourcing accommodation in Dingle and said that both Killarney and Dingle are proving more problematic than other areas of the County. The council is currently examining all avenues to provide housing in Dingle. The introduction of the Repair and Lease scheme may assist efforts to source accommodation in the town. He referred to the different classifications of homelessness and said that there are a number of reasons why people can be deemed homeless. The council has acquired a number of transitional properties countywide for individuals and families, who are in the process of sourcing long term housing. He confirmed that presently there are no individuals sleeping rough in the county.**

**Cllr. M. O' Shea requested that sheltered accommodation would be provided in Dingle.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue undertook to review the matter.**

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

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County give a detailed report in respect of the Housing crisis in the county, specifically in regards to Single applicants and One Parent families. How many qualified Single applicants and One Parent families are on the Housing list, how many 1 and 2

bedroom houses do the Council propose to build, purchase and lease in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and how confident is the Council of addressing this massive problem ?

**Reply:** As outlined to member previously there are a total of 3916 qualified applicants on the current Housing waiting lists in Kerry at this time. Of this number 553 are qualified as Transfer applicants therefore they are currently accommodated in some form of social housing including L.A. owned, RAS or HAP properties.

There are 1648 qualified applicants on the one bedroom property waiting lists and 913 qualified applicants on the two bedroom property waiting lists in Kerry.

While it is acknowledged that this is a substantial waiting list it should be noted that there are at present less than 20 single persons/couples being housed by our Homeless Information Centre in emergency accommodation.

Kerry County Council currently has a stock of 601 one bedroom properties and 1001 two bedroom properties.

Under our Housing Construction Programme Kerry County Council has submitted proposals to construct a further 16 one bedroom units and 59 two bedroom units at various locations around the county. There are also proposals by the Approved Housing Bodies to construct a further 20 one bedroom and 7 two bedroom units.

Kerry County Council will continue to acquire suitable properties through its acquisitions programme and also to secure the long term housing needs of applicants on these waiting lists through the RAS, Leasing and HAP schemes.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that approximately 65% of the housing list consists of one and two bedroom applicants made up of one parent families and single men. This is very concerning as currently there are no one and two bedroom properties available in Killorglin or any other town in the county. He accepted that a building programme is to commence in Killorglin but raised concerns that the properties will not be ready for another two years. He called upon the council to lease / rent one and two bedroom properties immediately.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue stated that there was no disputing that the shortage of one and two bedroom properties in the county is a concern. The introduction of the new Repair and Lease Scheme will hopefully attract public interest, particularly in smaller towns.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the Repair and Lease Scheme and said he was confident that the proposed scheme would bring activity to the smaller towns and alleviate the pressure from the housing list.**

**2. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Director of Housing that the invasive species of Japanese Knotweed be removed from the rear of the social houses at Post Office Square Milltown.

**Reply:** The Operations Department will arrange to treat the Japanese Knotweed in Quarter 3, as this is the optimum time to treat this invasive species.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea welcomed the reply.**

**3. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask the Director of Housing when will the 16 social houses commence building in Milltown.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have Commenced part 8 procedures for the housing proposal in Milltown, Bridewell scheme; the scheme is consist of total No.8 Housing Units( No.4 three bedrooms and No.4 two Bedroom units), The project will be commenced for construction in Q1 2018.

**Cllr M. O' Shea expressed satisfaction to the reply.**

**4. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council begin building social housing in South and West Kerry immediately.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council's current Housing Construction Program includes the provision of developing No.22 Housing scheme in Gortamullin, Kenmare (No.10 2- bedroom units and No.12 3- bedroom units). Construction of the project will be commenced in Q3 2017.

Kerry County Council have Commenced part 8 procedures for the housing proposal in Milltown, Bridewell scheme; the scheme is consist of total No.8 Housing Units( No.4 three bedrooms and No.4 two Bedroom units), The project will be commenced for construction in Q1 2018.

The construction Program also includes the provision of developing No.2 Single Rural Dwellings in In Callanafercy, Milltown and Cahernaboshina, Ventry. Construction of these units will be commenced Q3 2017

**5. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council provide staff to cut the Grass in the green areas of Council Housing estates where schemes are no longer in place and residents are now elderly.

**Reply :** Many estates which would historically have been considered Council estates have in more recent times being of a much more mixed tenure with many former Council properties being purchased by tenants. As part of our tenancy/ estate management approaches responsibility for this area generally rests with the residents associations. Kerry County Council actively works with the residents groups to support them in maintaining their estates including green areas. The Council does not have the resources to recruit staff for this purpose and such a move would in any event run contrary to our established estate management approaches.

**Cllr. D. Quigg acknowledged the reply.**

## **(b) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council amend and increase the Housing Budget to include the repair and replacement of Windows and Doors in the list of repairs that are carried out to the Council's Housing Stock.

**Reply:** We have carried out a survey of between 50-60 properties in our older housing estates in each Municipal District during March & April, 2017. We are currently analysing the data collected and it is our intention to apply for funding under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting or Remedial Works Programme for works identified. We are carrying out a further survey across the 4 Municipal Districts in late May/early June.

**Cllr. M. Cahill said he wasn't satisfied with the reply and understood that the list of concerns he forwarded to the Housing Department from the residents of An Bhainseach estate is currently been investigated.**

**Mr. M O' Donoghue** said that the adoption of Kerry County Councils budget is a matter for the councillors. He confirmed that the concerns highlighted by the residents of An Bhainseach estate are currently being considered. He referred to the response and stated that the Housing Department is currently analysing the data collected from the stock surveys carried out in March & April 2017 and intend to apply for funding for Energy Efficiency Retrofitting or Remedial works that are identified.

**Cllr. M. Cahill** said the council has previously repaired windows and doors to properties in older estates and called upon the council to increase the Housing budget to include the repair and replacement of window and doors where necessary.

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue** said the tenant is responsible for the day to day maintenance of the property. The Housing Department has a number of direct labour staff who will investigate all maintenance requests and carry out the necessary works. The council has previously replaced windows and doors in older properties under the Energy Efficiency Retrofitting Scheme.

**2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** When will the lighting audit be completed on the Woodbrook estate, Caherciveen? The lighting there is currently inadequate.

**Reply:** Public lighting at Woodbrook estate was designed and installed correctly at the time of construction, we have investigated this development and we consider that no further additional public lights are required, however, as the current lighting luminaries become faulty or beyond economic repair we will replace them with new LED units as outlined in our public lighting policy.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen** said that the Residents Association approached him regarding this matter and was confident that all faulty lighting will be repaired.

**3. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** Please arrange for the Council house to be painted (Details with Directorate).

**Reply:** This is the responsibility of the tenant under the terms of a standard tenancy agreement.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen** acknowledged the reply.

**4. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council what was the end result of the negotiations that took place between Kerry County Council and Government departments to acquire old misused state buildings for the purpose of Social Housing?

**Reply:** As Members are aware the Council has met with a number of state agencies to explore the availability of suitable properties in areas of greatest need.

The principal engagement was with the HSE in relation to any potential surplus assets they may.

This engagement is on-going.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea** said that he had previously raised this matter at the full council meeting and understood that discussions are ongoing. He requested that an update would be provided to the members. He made reference to where an old monastery in Waterford was donated to a Voluntary Housing group who intend on refurbishing the building for sheltered

accommodation. He referred to the shortage of accommodation in Dingle town and said he was aware of a company who plan on introducing a floating hotel on the Quays in Cork City and suggested that the provision of a similar facility would be provided in Dingle Harbour. These vessels could be used to provide accommodation to seasonal staff which would increase the availability of long term housing for locals in the Town.

#### 19.05.17.05 Operations Health & Safety Directorate

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

**South and West Kerry Municipal District Meeting – 19th May 2017  
Update Report from the Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety**

#### 1. Roads / Transportation

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

##### **National Roads**

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

##### N70 Kilderry Bends -2017 Allocation- " 345k:-

- Land Acquisition is currently underway.
- Archaeological testing will be carried out in Q2, 2017.
- Tender process commenced. Draft Construction Contract Documents are being finalised. Tender will be published in Q3 2017 subject to TII approval.

##### N70 Sneem to Blackwater Bridge (Ankail to Doon) Road Project -2017 Allocation- " 0k:-

- The Preliminary Design is being advanced.
- Public Consultation took place on the proposals on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2017.
- It is anticipated that the EIS will be published in Q3 2017, subject to TII approval.

##### N70 Glanbehy Bridge Improvement Scheme - 2017 Allocation " 0k:-

- Three options have been identified and are being appraised.
- Consultation will take place on the proposals in Q2 2017.

##### N70 Waterville to Ballybrack

- The preliminary design for road widening improvements including a footpath and footbridge is advancing. Consultation on the proposals will take place in Q2 2017.
- The Part 8 process will commence in Q3 2017.
- Land acquisition will be required for the works.

##### N70 Brackaharagh and Derreenafoyle

- The preliminary design for road improvements at these locations are being advanced.
- Environmental Screening is ongoing.

##### Kerry Cork and Clare Bridge Rehabilitation- 2017 Allocation " 2.0M

##### Rehabilitation Contract A

- A Works contract is about to be signed to enable rehabilitation works to be carried out this year at N70 Inny, N70 Dereenafoyle, N86 Garfinny, N86 Clooncurra and N86 Gort na Crann. There are a further 7 bridges to be done under this contract elsewhere in the County.

N70 Ballynamona Upper Bridge Widening

- Part 8 Report before Council today.
- Archaeological assessment is being completed.
- No funding was made available for works this year.

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

N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp -2016 Allocation- " 7.2M:-

- Contract 1: Construction is ongoing. Site Clearance and fencing are well advanced. Earthworks has commenced and haul from Camp to Lispole is underway. The Contractor has commenced on-line works west of Camp village.
- Land Acquisition for the remainder of the scheme is underway.

N71 Releagh Road Widening Scheme:-

- The works associated with widening of the carriageway on this 1.5 km road improvement scheme are substantially complete.

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

**Status of Projects at Construction Stage**

<b><i>Road No.</i></b>	<b><i>Location</i></b>	<b><i>Length (m)</i></b>	<b><i>Allocation</i></b>	<b><i>Comment</i></b>
N70	Carhan to Deelis Bridge	3,200	" 2,022,977	Contract awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Works are ongoing at present.
N70	Dereenamacken (Tahilla)	2,000	" 788,528	Contract awarded to Roadstone Ltd. Works are ongoing at present.
N70	Killorglin Junctions - Market Street / Mill Road	-	" 150,000	These works are substantially complete.
N70	Loher Pavement Strengthening	5,480	" 1,912,952	Approximately 90% of the works are completed. The final section has now been re-scheduled for completion in quarter 3.

**National Secondary Safety Schemes**

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

### **Regional and Local Roads**

**Restoration Improvement Programme  
Restoration Maintenance Programme  
Specific Improvement Grants  
Bridge Programme  
Safety Works  
Footpath Programme**

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.

### **Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes**

**Rural Recreation  
Clár  
Town and Village Renewal**

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 B.

### **All Areas**

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

## 2. Capital Infrastructure

### South Kerry Greenway:

Progress on the project has been steady with very good progress being made in finalising the relevant details. We expect to finalise the Route Selection Report week ending 19/05/2017 and will be announcing a final series of public consultation meetings in Cahersiveen to outline the final alignment for the trail after that date.

We continue to engage with landowners at a number of locations along the trail to try and ensure that the requirements of landowners along the proposed route are dealt with adequately and that the necessary accommodation works can be agreed.

The team dealing with the project in CIU remains available to landowners along the route for discussions and to address any issues causing concern in relation to the project.

## 3. Other Operational Matters

### Piers and Harbours Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2017

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine(DAFM) has awarded grant aid to the following projects in 2017.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>	<b>Project Cost (Total)</b>	<b>Status May 2017</b>
Ballinskelligs Pier	Phase 2 of pier stabilisation works and structural repairs.	" 150,000	Design solution & tender documents being prepared.
Renard Pier	Completion of pier rehabilitation works including installation of fendering and ladders.	" 90,000	Project design & tender documents being prepared.

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

Charlie O'Sullivan

Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety



# APPENDIX A

## Restoration Improvement Programme Works currently scheduled over the next two months

### Dingle

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m <sup>2</sup>	Est Cost €	Works Scheduled
R-559	Bricks Cross to Emlagh East Cross	805	4991	114,793	Lining remaining
L-12197	Ardcanaght East Cross to Farna Cross	2100	6930	152,460	Strengthening in July
L-5002	Ventry Church Cross to Marhin Cross	1669	5842	122,700	Lining remaining
L-8019	Killiney Cross - Maharees Junction	741	4670	102,750	Strengthening in July
R559	Strand St. - The Wood	450	2700	148,718	Works Complete
L12261	Garrywilliam - Fahamore North Cross	800	2800	61,600	Strengthening in July
L-8063	Glountane Cross - Rathduff Cross	500	1875	41,250	Strengthening in July
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,065</b>	<b>29,808</b>	<b>744,271</b>	

### Killorglin

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m <sup>2</sup>	Est Cost €	Works Scheduled
L5017	Ballyfinnane Cross to Kiltallagh Church	2,750	11,000	220,046	Strengthening in July
L4010	Lyranes Upper Cross to Gortmaloon East Cross	1,800	8,100	162,000	Strengthening in July
L11737	Knocknaboola	1,000	3,000	51,000	Strengthening in July
L11736	Rangue to Knocknaboola	550	1,815	30,855	Strengthening in July
L11722	Knocklyne to Sunhill road	250	1,500	52,500	Strengthening in July
L4035	Coolbane Cross to Nantinan Cross	1,100	4,400	88,000	Strengthening in July
L12199	Garraun	700	2,450	49,000	Strengthening in July
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,150</b>	<b>32,265</b>	<b>653,401</b>	Strengthening in July

### Caherciveen

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m <sup>2</sup>	Est Cost €	Works Scheduled
L-4010	Sallahig to Doory	1000	6000	150,648	Strengthening in June
L-7535	Barrys Cross to Fermoye	1000	5100	127,500	Strengthening in June
L-4011	Dromnakilly to Derreen	1000	3400	85,000	Strengthening in June
L-11591	Ardkearagh to Loher Stonefort Road	1900	5700	142,500	Strengthening in June
R-565	Chapletown Village	770	5544	194,040	Strengthening in June
L-11515	Aghort, The Glen	100	1100	27,923	Strengthening in June
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,770</b>	<b>26,844</b>	<b>727,611</b>	Strengthening in June

### Kenmare

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m <sup>2</sup>	Est Cost €	Works Scheduled
R-571	Lauragh	1000	7000	209,615	Works scheduled for August.
L-11771	Ballygriffin	1400	5740	143,500	Works scheduled for August.
L-3021-0	Incheese	1150	4830	120,750	Works scheduled for August.
L-7548	Dromroughy	1500	5250	118,125	Works scheduled for August.
R-569	Inchacoosh	550	3850	115,500	Works scheduled for August.
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,600</b>	<b>26,670</b>	<b>707,490</b>	

**Restoration Maintenance Programme**  
**Works currently scheduled over the next two months**

**Dingle**

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost €	Works Scheduled
R-561	R561, Inch - Caherpierce	1,250	7,500	39,000	Surface dressing in July.
R-561	Ardcanaght X - Ardcanaght East	750	4,875	25,325	Surface dressing in July.
R-560	Kilcummin X - Tir Bhroin X	1,052	6,312	32,822	Surface dressing in July.
R-559	Ballymore	1,030	6,180	32,136	Lining remaining
L-8043	L12017 Kildurrihy	839	2,800	15,102	Lining remaining
R-559	Fahan	600	3,150	16,380	Lining remaining
R-559	Clasach X - Cahroo X	1,045	5,748	29,887	Surface dressing in July.
L-8036	Gowlane X - Lisdorgan X	1,200	4,200	18,900	Surface dressing in July.
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,766</b>	<b>40,765</b>	<b>209,552</b>	Surface dressing in July.

**Killorglin**

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost €	Works Scheduled
L4010	Curragh beg (Bealalaw Bridge to Glencar PO)	1,600	8,000	36,000	Surface dressing in July.
L4033	Lonart to Tulligbeg	1,600	6,568	29,557	Surface dressing in July.
L4038	Annadale to Meanus	1,100	6,600	29,700	Surface dressing in July.
R561	Rusheen to Mounthemy	1,000	6,000	33,000	Surface dressing in July.
L2019	Ballyfinnane to Garraun	1,800	9,000	40,500	Surface dressing in July.
L4035	Nantinane X to Dromin X	845	3,380	15,210	Surface dressing in July.
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,945</b>	<b>39,548</b>	<b>183,967</b>	Surface dressing in July.

**Caherciveen**

Road	Road Description	Length	Total	Est	Works Scheduled
L-11548	Kilcolman, Cahersiveen	1,500	5,250	23,625	Surface dressing in June
L-11587	Spunkane Link Road, Waterville	600	3,600	16,244	Surface dressing in June
R-566	Derreen to Ballard	1,600	9,280	51,040	Surface dressing in June
L-11525	Killurly, Ballinskelligs	2,500	8,750	39,375	Surface dressing in June
L-7538	Garranafulla to Breaigh	1,300	4,160	18,720	Surface dressing in June
L-4010	Tulligealane	1,500	6,900	31,050	Surface dressing in June
L-4007	Coars Cross to Raheens	2,500	13,250	59,625	Surface dressing in June
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,500</b>	<b>51,190</b>	<b>239,679</b>	Surface dressing in June

**Kenmare**

Road Number	Road Description	Length (m)	Total Area m2	Est Cost €	Works Scheduled
L-11619-0	KenEngArea, L11619, Oreagh	2,300	8,050	36,225	Works scheduled for August
R-568	KenEngArea, R568, Letterfinish	1,800	11,700	64,350	Works scheduled for August
R-571	KenEngArea, R571, Dawros	3,383	17,930	98,622	Works scheduled for August
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,483</b>	<b>37,680</b>	<b>199,197</b>	Works scheduled for August.

**Specific Improvement Grant**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
Realignment of the L-11653, Low Road at Rossbeigh	" 1,100,000:	Land acquisition negotiations continuing
Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 4	" 500,000	Land acquisition negotiations continuing

**Bridge Programme**

**Replacement of Killoe and Doory Bridges – Allocation €200k**

Section 50 Approval for both structures was received from the OPW on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The pre-cast concrete elements of the structures are now being procured.

**Bridge Rehabilitation Works – Allocation €179k**

<i>Description and Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
R565 Doory " 50,000	Works will be completed in Q4 following design and tender processes.
R561 Shanahill East 2 " 23,421	
R561 Shanahill East 3 " 18,793	
R561 Ballyarkane Oughter 1 " 31,708	
R561 Caherpierce 1 " 19,035	
R561 Inch West 4 " 19,360	
R561 Gortnanoran " 17,050	

**Safety Improvement Programme**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
L-4052 . Railway Road, Kenmare	" 60,000:	Works will be completed in Q4 following a Section 38 procedure.

**Footpath Programme**

<b>Road Number</b>	<b>Road Description</b>	<b>Est Cost €</b>	<b>Works Scheduled</b>
R569	Killowen, Kenmare	5,000	Work scheduled for Q3
R563	Killarney Road, Milltown	5,000	Work scheduled for Q3
R565/R566	Portmagee	5,000	Work scheduled for Q3
R559	Strand Street, Dingle	5,000	Works Complete

## APPENDIX B

### Rural Recreation / Clar / Town and Village Renewal . Schemes being advanced by Operations

Rural Recreation Projects funded and description		Grant aid received	Expected date of completion of project in 2017	Notes
Caherdaniel	Viewing & Seating at Coom A Ciste Caherdaniel	" 23,000	Q2	
Inch Beach	Improve accessibility and pedestrian facilities.	" 25,000	Q2	
Ballinskelligs	Access enhancement at Ballinskelligs Beach	" 49,000	Q2	Works ongoing
Killorglin	Killorglin Loop Walk Development	" 120,000	Q3	

CLÁR Measure 1 (CLÁR Safety package for Schools/Community Facilities)		Grant Aid received	Expected date of completion of project in 2017	Notes
Road Markings /Warning Signs	Cahir National School	" 10,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing
Road Markings/Warning signs/Speed safety signs	Nagle Rice NS	" 18,000	Q2	Location specific signage being designed
Warnings signs and Flashing Lights	Colaiste Na Sceilge, Cahersiveen	" 8,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing
Road Markers/ Warning Signs/Flashing lights and Speed safety signs	Castledrum NS	" 24,000	Q2	Location specific signage being designed
Road Markings /Warning Signs	Scoil Naomh Micheal (Sneem)	" 30,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing
Road Markings/safety signs/other safety works	Curraheen NS	" 29,500	Q2	Location specific signage being designed
Road Markings/Flashing lights/other safety works	Scoil Saidhbhin, Cahersiveen	" 30,000	Q2	Tender process ongoing.

Road Markings/ speed safety signs	Smerick NS	" 16,000	Q2	Location specific signage being designed.
-----------------------------------	------------	----------	----	---

<b>CLÁR Measure 3 (Local Access Roads)</b>	<b>Grant Aid received</b>	<b>Expected date of completion of project in 2017</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Road leading to Mount Brandon Car Park.	" 45,864	Works Complete	-
Kilbonane Burial Ground Road.	" 20,000	Q2	
Annascaul Sports Centre Road.	" 20,000	Works complete	
Killorglin AFC Access Road.	" 24,000	Q2	Agreement reached with club that they are to co-ordinate the works with a contractor having regard to their own specific requirements.

### **Town and Village Renewal**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Development of a car parking area in Portmagee.	" 46,455	These works are ongoing at present.

### **5(b) Notice of Motions**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the OPW help protect family homes from Tidal Flooding as a matter of extreme urgency by raising and strengthening the Seawall and Embankment at Cromane Lower, Killorglin and by providing a new Embankment close to the effected homes at Incharea, Glenbeigh.

**Reply:** The proposed raising of the seawall and embankments in Cromane Lower, can only be considered as part of a larger Coastal Erosion Risk Management study for the greater Cromane area+. Sea level rise as a result of Climate Change will have a large bearing in this low lying area and will need to be factored into any proposed future adaptation measures. This larger area is likely to require the Rossbeigh, Inch and Cromane (Castlemaine Harbour) areas to be grouped together under a larger Coastal Cell, given the tidal, environmental and geographical linkages between the areas.

The Flooding and Coastal Protection Unit is currently collating and monitoring those areas of the county which are considered to be of highest risk of Coastal Erosion, in particular, where there is a risk of damage to homes and public infrastructure.

In meetings with the OPW, it has been indicated that there is very limited funding for coastal protection measures and funding is unlikely to be provided for any major scheme without detailed Coastal Erosion Risk Management Studies, which will require engagement of specialist consultants and is dependant on funding from the OPW, given the potential costs involved. It is our intention to engage with OPW and seek funding for some of these studies by mid 2017.

Regarding Incherea, an application was made to the OPW on 7th March this year for funding for Flood Works at this location, under the Non Coastal Minor Works Programme, but to date no funding has been made available from the OPW for this proposal.

**Cllr. M. Cahill thanked the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Department for the reply and stated that the residents of the Cliff road and Incherea have been severely affected by both coastal erosion and tidal flooding. Some of the residents are considering the relocation scheme which is very unfortunate. He welcomed the council's recent submission to the OPW for flood works at Incherea and requested that a separate application would be forwarded to the OPW to consider the provision of funding to raise and strengthen the sea wall and embankment at Cromane lower. Some months ago a deputation from Kerry County Council met with Mr. Simon Harris T.D. the then Minister of State of the Department of Finance with special responsibility for the OPW. The discussions were dominated by the Cliff road and the Minister advised the deputation that a study of the greater Cromane / Castlemaine Harbour was required before any coastal protection measures can be introduced. Cllr. M. Cahill requested that a letter would issue to the current Minister Mr. S. Canney inviting him to visit the greater Cromane area.**

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn supported Cllr. M. Cahill's comments and seconded the proposal to write to the Minister.**

**2.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the Department of Transport further to previous "Notice of Motions" take immediate steps to introduce as a matter of extreme urgency "Traffic Calming Measures" at Langford Street, Killorglin in the vicinity of "Scamps and Scholars" before a child is seriously injured or killed and that the significant increase in traffic attending this Preschool, Killorglin Sports Complex, Killorglin Community College, Fexco along with all other businesses and the large number of Housing Estates in the area, be taken into consideration.

**Reply:** Lining and signing measures have been introduced at this location and were funded through CSMDO funding. However, in view of the level of activity at this location it will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvements scheme with a view to introducing a raised table or other appropriate safety feature for an urban environment.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that where he welcomed the recent measures introduced, he requested that additional traffic claiming measures would be introduced as a matter of**

**urgency. The volume of traffic on Langford Street has increased significantly and raised concerns that a child may be injured.**

**Cathaoirleach Cllr. J. F. Flynn supported the views expressed by Cllr. M. Cahill.**

**3.Cllr. M. Cahill:** The South Kerry Greenway from Glenbeigh to Caherciveen has the potential to be one of Ireland's biggest and best Tourism Projects and would play a massive contribution to the local economy here in Kerry and job creation in the South West, an area that has been ravaged by emigration. It is imperative that this project is supported and progressed by all to fruition.

**Reply:** Progress on this project has been steady with very good progress being made in finalising the relevant details. We expect to finalise the Route Selection Report week ending 19/05/2017 and will be announcing a final series of public consultation meetings in Cahersiveen to outline the final alignment for the trail after that date.

We continue to engage with landowners at a number of locations along the trail to try and ensure that the requirements of landowners along the proposed route are dealt with adequately and that the necessary accommodation works can be agreed.

The team dealing with the project in CIU remains available to landowners along the route for discussions and to address any issues causing concern in relation to the project.

**Cllr. M. Cahill referred to the success of other walkways nationally and said that the proposed South Kerry Greenway has the potential to create hundreds of jobs in South Kerry. At the public consultation meetings, landowners were advised that if land couldn't be sought through acquisition, the council would have to C.P.O. the route. He called upon his colleagues to support the Greenway and to encourage the landowners to co-operate with the council. He said he believed that it is only a minority of landowners who have concerns to the Greenway.**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that the public have a right to voice their views. She stated that she was satisfied that both the members and executive were full supportive of the project and wanted to see it come to fruition.**

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen stated that the public and landowners need to be aware of the process and that the C.P.O. route may be necessary. Kerry County Council have exhausted all avenues to ensure that the requirements of the landowners are dealt with.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae said that nobody is disputing the importance of the Greenway to South Kerry but expressed concerns to the C.P.O. process. When the process first commenced, a number of public meetings were held and the landowners were advised that the council was committed to negotiating with the landowners and that the C.P.O process would be the last option. He believed that the consultation process should have been extended.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill replied that the negotiations are ongoing for the last 2 ½ years. Additionally many landowners refused to negotiate with the council, but have since supported the project and believed that now, only a small minority are opposed to the Greenway.**

**4. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County request Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) to honor the numerous requests from Public Representatives in Kerry to surface dress the worst sections of the National Secondary Road Network in the country, from Astellas on the Tralee/Killorglin road to the Church and from the old Liebig factory (where FEXCO propose to provide up to 300 jobs) on the Killarney road to the Church in Killorglin town and where a footpath is also required as a matter of extreme urgency, as this is now a major "Health and Safety " issue for all road users.

**Reply:** This matter has been the subject of numerous notices of motion and representations. TII have confirmed that both the N70 Bansha to Mill Road and the N72 Anglont (Liebig) to Dromavally (Killarney Road) schemes should proceed to detailed design subject to standard TII approval processes. Considering the overall level of funding available for pavement improvements nationally it has been indicated that favourable consideration will be given to proceeding with the above 2 schemes to tender when the detailed design and necessary reports are submitted.

In the case of the N72 Killarney Road scheme The Kerry NRDO are preparing a Feasibility Report into the provision of footpath infrastructure and TII have indicated that they will give due consideration to inclusion of these works into the pavement improvement scheme strictly subject to TII approval processes.

**Notice of Motion previously dealt with, refer to page 2.**

**5. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council provide as a matter of extreme urgency on "Health and Safety Grounds " Slow /Children Crossing Signs in the vicinity of the (Details with Directorate), Beaufort Village".

**Reply:** The provision of children crossing signs at the location identified is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. An estimate will be prepared upon request.

**Notice of Motion dealt with in conjunction with the Deputation from Beaufort Community Council refer to page 4.**

**6. Cllr. P. Connor- Scarteen :** That Kerry County Council please erect a sign a Feorus West saying Muckera and Feorus West, Tuosist, there are 25 houses between these two local roads

**Reply:** The Regional Road network in the County was signed through a Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport funded scheme. That scheme did not provide for signing individual townlands from Regional Routes and it is not proposed to alter the original aims of the scheme which was to sign significant destinations i.e town and villages along each route.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen acknowledged the reply.**

**7. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** Please clear the drain along the Letter road 100 yards from Reen Cross, Kenmare.

**Reply:** The drain along the L11762 has been cleared.



**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the reply.**

**8. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council start a feasibility study into the provision of a public toilet at the Pier Kenmare.

**Reply:** There is a public convenience at the Railway Road car park in Kenmare and there is no funding available to the Council at present to progress a second public convenience at the Pier in Kenmare.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen said he believed that there is a requirement for toilets at the Pier.**

**9. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen:** Please liaise with TII and ensure better signage is put in place before the road to Ballinskelligs at Kenneigh Cross, Waterville.

**Reply:** A review of the current junction will be carried out to ensure that the signage is in accordance with the requirements of the Traffic Signs Manual. Any issue identified will be addressed.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen stated that a motor accident recently occurred at this junction and requested that the record of traffic accidents for this location would be requested from the Gardaí.**

**10. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** The last mile of the Maughernane, Waterville road needs to be resurfaced. This road is also used by tourists to access famous fishing lakes, it's important for the road to be maintained in good condition.

**Reply:** This section of the L-11625 Local Tertiary Road in Maghygreenane, Waterville is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Restoration Improvement Programme 2017 . 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. This road would, however, be suitable for a Community Involvement Scheme and the users of the road have previously been informed of this option.

**11. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** Please give an update on what is being done to address various roads issues on the Rocky Road, Cahersiveen.

**Reply:** 1. Reduce Speed Limit:- The extension of the 50km/hr speed limit will be considered under the current Speed Limit Review. The Council can provide slow signs and slow road markings on the Rocky Road L-11562. This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

2. Pipe the drains and close them in:- The provision of lay-bys/piping drains on the Rocky Road, L-11562, Local Tertiary Road is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

3. Widen the road and install footpaths with street lightning and laybys

Apart from a short section of the road close to the Fair Green, The Rocky Road is outside the area zoned for development under the Caherciveen Local Area Plan and would therefore not be

prioritised for the very limited funding available for footpath related works on Regional and Local Roads in the Municipal District.

4. Address the ongoing Japanese knotweed problem. .

The Japanese Knotweed has been treated on the Rocky Road L-11562 over the past 2 years and will receive its final treatment in October 2017.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen thanked the executive for the reply, in particular for treating the Japanese Knotweed. He requested that an estimated would be prepared for the “Slow” signs and slow road markings on the Rocky road.**

**12. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** That Kerry County Council apply for funding to replace the Glosheen Bridge, Lislibane, Beaufort as the existing Glosheen Bridge is old, narrow allowing only one vehicle to pass and is in grave danger of being swept away in a flood on the River.

**Reply:** There is no funding mechanism available to the Council at present to replace this structure on the L11751 Local Tertiary Road. We will, however, arrange to have the bridge inspected to ensure that there are no structural defects.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen stated that both the bridge and road are quite narrow and the residents are requesting that the bridge would be widened. He asked that the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate would forward a special submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism & Sport requesting that they would consider the provision of funding to replace the bridge.**

**13. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** That safety measures be installed at Tullig cross near the shop as it is very dangerous at present.

**Reply:** Safety improvement works were carried out on the L4033/L7506 local road junction at Tullig Cross under a Low Cost Accident scheme in 2009. The safety measures installed at that time were primarily road markings and signing. The measures are still in place. However, some of the road markings need to be re-lined and this will be carried out in the coming weeks.

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn stated that Tullig Cross is located on the main Cromane road. It is a very busy road and has been subject to a number of road accidents including two fatalities. Both hedging and an ESB poll is restricting motorist’s view and you may find that you are travelling in the middle of the road before you realise it. The residents have previously forwarded a petition to the Operations, Safety & Infrastructure Directorate requesting that the speed limit would be reduced to 50km. He requested that extra signage would be erected and that the road would be included in the current speed limit review.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill supported the views expressed by the Cathaoirleach and said that the Funeral home is located on this road and adds significantly to the volume of traffic.**

**14. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to liaise with other state agencies i.e. OPW, National Parks and Wildlife Services so that an immediate study can be commissioned to address the severe threat and future of the Maharees Coast Line.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council continues to liaise with the relevant state agencies and have recently in conjunction with the OPW, NPWS and the local Maharees Conservation Association, carried out a sand fencing project to help stabilise the dunes and trap wind blown sand etc. Marram grass planting projects are also ongoing in the area, in conjunction with the Biodiversity Officer, Maharees Conservation Association and Clean Coasts (An Taisce).

Kerry County Council is also partnered on a research project on Sand/Sediment Transfer within the Brandon Bay area, being carried out by a team under the supervision of Dr. Eugene Farrell from National University of Ireland, Galway (NUIG), again with local input from the Maharees Conservation Association.

This is a continuation of Dr. Farrell's existing work along the 1.2km dune system in the Maharees, monitoring storm response and recovery.

This research will feed into what will ultimately be a wider Coastal Cell Erosion Risk Management Study which will be required ahead of any proposals and funding applications for structural measures to prevent or mitigate coastal erosion in the area.

The Flooding and Coastal Protection Unit is currently collating and monitoring those areas of the county which are considered to be of highest risk, in particular, where there is a risk of damage to homes and public infrastructure.

In meetings with the OPW, it has been indicated that there is very limited funding for coastal protection measures and funding is unlikely to be provided for any major scheme without detailed Coastal Erosion Risk Management Studies, which will require engagement of specialist consultants and is dependant on funding from the OPW, given the potential costs involved. It is our intention to engage with OPW and seek funding for some of these studies by mid 2017.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that the Maharees Conservation Association were advised that a Risk Management study would be commissioned in 2017 and as no further measures can be advanced without the study, he called upon Kerry County Council to commence this study immediately. The residents are very concerned that any further erosion of the sand dunes will result in the formation of a separate Island.**

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald said that this is an area under threat. He commended the work of the Maharees Conservation Group and while he acknowledged that substantial funding is required to carry out the study, he stressed that there is an urgent requirement to complete the project and requested that the OPW and Kerry County Council would provide funding to advance the study.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill suggested that the council would examine the provision of funding from the E.U.**

**15. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask will the Area Engineer liaise with the Killorglin Rural Social Scheme to get the grass cut at Steelroe Terrace, Killorglin

**Reply:** The Area Engineer has spoken to the Rural Social Scheme supervisors in relation to Steelroe Terrace. The Steelroe Terrace Residents Association are advised to contact the Rural Social Scheme supervisors directly and to submit a brief proposal of the works needed for consideration.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea acknowledged the reply.**

**16. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask will the Area Engineer erect a Finger Post Sign at the Langford Street Junction illustrating the direction for Farantooreen, Killorglin.

**Reply:** The erection of signage in a town centre, such as Killorglin, directing traffic to a townland is not in accordance with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sports Traffic Signs Manual which is a document that has been issued to local authorities as a legally binding direction from the Minister.

If individual businesses wish to signpost their location, then they may apply to the Operations and Safety Section for a licence for a finger post sign.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea requested that a directional sign for Farantooreen would be erected.**

**17. Cllr S Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council explore the possibility of getting funding for the erection of a footbridge at Milltown bridge, Dingle?

**Reply:** There is no funding stream available to Kerry County Council at present to provide a footbridge at this location. However, the project would be considered should a suitable source of funding become available.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald requested that the council would carry out a feasibility study, an Environmental Impact Statement would also be required, as the area is located in a Special Area of Conservation (SAC).

**18. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council construct a footpath and erect lights indicating motorists to drive within the permitted speed limit at Stradbally, Castlegregory?

**Reply:** The Council has within the past 2 years replaced the speed limit signage entering the Stradbally village so as to raise driver awareness as to the presence of a 50kph speed limit through the village. In addition, a blind bend has been removed within the village enabling the provision of a new section of footpath thus providing improved connectivity through the village. The Dingle Area Engineer has also met with the Gardaí on site and they have undertaken to assign more resources to the village with a view to addressing the speeding concerns of the residents.

There are significant constraints within Stradbally village and the provision of additional, or indeed wider footpaths is not possible without significant land acquisition and associated accommodation

works. These works will not be possible without acquiring the lands necessary by agreement. The Council will consider the submission of a scheme of further works to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for funding under the Safety Improvement Scheme.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald stated that Cllr. M. O' Shea has requested approval to bring a deputation from the Residents of Stradbally to the next Municipal District meeting, where further discussions can take place.**

**19. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council carry out some drainage works to alleviate the water issue which has occurred in some of the graves at Annascaul Burial ground?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council will assess the drainage issues at Annascaul Burial Ground and rectify any issues arising.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald welcomed the reply and said it can be upsetting for a family member to see water lodged on the grave.**

**20. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Following on from my last motion regarding traffic issues at Sleah Head, will the Council consider a one way traffic system for a specified time of the day from the 1st of April to the 1st of November on a pilot basis?

**Reply:** Having consulted with An Garda Síochána, Kerry County Council has given extensive consideration to this proposal and believe that it is not appropriate given the parameters of the issue at hand.

The implementation of a temporary one-way system would need to be extensive in its operation and would require significant advance signage to inform motorists of the traffic restrictions ahead. Commonly implemented in an urban environment with a speed limit of 50 km/h, enforcement is totally impractical in a rural context and there is a significant risk that motorists would not comply with the system during the specified time of the day. This risk is compounded by the statutory speed limit of 80 km/h which under the current Departmental Guidelines may not be reduced.

In terms of measures currently proposed to improve traffic flow on the Sleah Head Drive, there will be supplementary signage put in place immediately past Milltown Bridge within the next two weeks to reinforce the recommended clockwise direction of traffic on the Sleah Head Drive. There will also be a sign placed at Dun Chaoin Cross which will provide an option for traffic going to Ventry and Dingle to travel via the L-5002 An Clasach.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald stated that the matter has previously been discussed. The proposed measures may help, however if there is no improvement, he would raise the matter again.**

**21. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Given that the Council have acquired lands at Ceann Trá for the purpose of installing footpaths and public lights, has the Council made a submission for funding?

**Reply:** The Council will consider the funding of this proposed project under the available Central Government grant schemes such as, for example, The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs Outdoor Recreation Scheme.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald stated that the installing of footpaths and lighting in Ceann Trá is an ongoing issue and asked that the council would give priority to the funding of this project.**

**22.Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council bring the water tap at Saint Brendan's cemetery in Dingle, nearer to the main gate?

**Reply:** This matter will be examined to determine what works are feasible.

**Cllr. S. Fitzgerald welcomed the reply.**

**23. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That Kerry County Council apply for funding to upgrade the road from Kilkeanna to Kenmare.

**Reply:** This road was previously submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for consideration of funding under the National Secondary Pavement Improvement Scheme. However, this section of the N71 National Secondary Road has not been included in the latest list of schemes that are progressing to detailed design stage

**Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that the road is in a very bad condition and asked that an alternative source of funding would be established.**

**24. Cllr. D McCarthy:** That Kerry County Council cut the hedge at the Four Crosses near Direendarragh Church.

**Reply:** The hedges affecting sightlines on the R568 at the Four Crosses have been cut.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the reply.**

**25. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That Kerry County Council ask relevant management to put in place a hand rail at to the entrance to the church via Pobalscoil inbhear Sceine car park.

**Reply:** The matter raised relates to private property which is not in charge of the Council.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy acknowledged the reply.**

**26. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That Kerry County Council put in place extra wheelchair ramps onto footpaths around the square, Kenmare.

**Reply:** The provision of wheelchair accessible ramps has been included in the scheme of improvements at The Square that were put out for public consultation under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994 arising from the proposal to resolve Market Trading in Kenmare.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy said he was requesting that a number of wheelchair ramps would be installed in the vicinity of the square.**

**27. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That Kerry County Council consider/enter negotiations on either leasing or buying the Ceann Mara Factory for either social or bus parking.

**Reply:** This matter has previously been considered by the Council and having regard to both public and private car parking provision it is not the priority area in the town for provision of parking. It must also be considered that there is no funding stream such as paid parking at present to fund the purchase of additional lands in Kenmare for off street parking.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that he has previously raised this issue. It is an ideal location for either parking or housing. It is very close to the town and would be in the council's interest to purchase the facility.**

**28. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** That the road at the Kilderry bends be resurfaced.

**Reply:** This matter was discussed at a recent meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland. We were advised at the meeting that if approved by TII, the tender for the N70 Kilderry Bends Road Realignment Scheme will be issued in Q3, 2017. TII will not, therefore, be in a position to approve expenditure on resurfacing of the existing road.

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn welcomed the reply.**

**29. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** That a viewing point be provided at Caragh Lake mountain.

**Reply:** This work may be suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund provided the appropriate location and land is available. The proposed locations will be assessed and an estimate prepared upon request.

**30. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council contact the NRA in relation to the bends in the Road at Augatubrid this is a health and safety hazard.

**Reply:** As part of a Ring of Kerry Strategic Review requested by TII, Kerry NRDO have identified a 2km section of road between Kilcoman and Aughatubrid for potential realignment subject to the availability of the necessary funding. This section is one of a number of sections being considered and discussed with TII.

**Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the reply.**

**31. Cllr. D Quigg:** That this Council provide a Footpath/Walkway from Glenbeigh village back to Rossbeigh Beach.

**Reply:** The Council will consider this proposal under the available Central Government grant schemes such as The Department of Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs Outdoor Recreation Scheme.

**Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the reply.**

**32. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council purchase lands or provide a Car Park that will accommodate tourist buses in the town of Killorglin.

**Reply:** The Council is currently in negotiations to purchase land for car parking and amenity use in the Annadale Road area of the town. It is envisaged that coach parking will be incorporated

into the proposal, the completion of which is subject to a successful conclusion of the land negotiations which are progressing well and the identification of a funding stream to enable the construction phase to proceed.

**Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the reply and said the proposed facility will increase the number of tourist's visiting the town and will benefit the local economy.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that he had previously submitted details to Kerry County Council regarding potential sites in Killorglin Town for car parking facilities and asked that the matter would be investigated further.**

**33. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That a set of speed indicators be installed at Rocky Road and Gurranebawn Caherciveen.

**Reply:** The provision of slow road markings and slow signs would be suitable for funding through a CSMDO allocation. A cost estimate will be prepared on request.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty acknowledged the reply.**

**34. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** Can we please have the four totally redundant No Parking Signs and Poles removed from the main street in Caherciveen alongside the church?

**Reply:** These poles will be removed within the next three weeks.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the reply.**

**35. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we make contact with Google Map and Satellite navigation companies to ask that they advise those travelling the Bealach Oisín Road that the route is narrow and not suitable for larger vehicles.

**Reply:** As this is a matter that affects a number of roads including Bealach Oisín and there are numerous companies providing satellite navigation systems, we will write to Ordnance Survey Ireland to seek clarification regarding how these matters are dealt with on a national basis. We will forward the response received.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty said that the request may seem trivial, but the information is for the benefit of tourists travelling this road.**

**36. Cllr. N Moriarty:** That we liaise with the TII to have the junction of the N70 and the R567 at Kinneigh Cross resurfaced. The surface at this section of road is in a very bad state of disrepair.

**Reply:** The overall condition of the national secondary network in this Municipal District was raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland at a recent meeting. TII have approved 3 schemes to proceed through the design process over the next 4 to 5 months with a further scheme to be considered by TII to proceed through the design process in 2017. Considering the overall level of funding available for pavement improvements it has been indicated that it is unlikely that further



schemes will proceed through the design process until the current list of schemes are approved to proceed to construction accompanied by the necessary allocation of funding by TII.

TII will also be carrying out their own analysis of the condition of the pavement on the national network and the prioritisation of schemes will be heavily dependent on the results of this analysis. We will, however, continue to raise the condition of certain sections of the Ring of Kerry with TII including this section of road between Caherciveen and Waterville at Kinneigh Cross.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty explained when travelling from the Inny Bridge to Ballinskelligs, you can veer in on the road, but it is highly dangerous. This area is also a drop off point for school children and she requested that bollard would be installed.**

**37. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we ensure that the drainage and gullies along the Murreigh Road are large enough to ensure there is no water logging by the roadside.

**Reply:** There are land drains on both side of the Murreagh road L-4009 which are draining very flat marsh. These drains are on private property and there would be very significant work required to provide a steep enough fall to allow free flowing conditions. The Council through the Restoration Improvement Scheme have raised the road to the maximum extent possible to mitigate for the lack of efficient drainage.

**38. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we clear, clean and tidy up the publicly owned area at Coonana Pier with a view to providing a picnic area and arranging for management of the manner in which boats are parked up.

**Reply:** This is a working pier and slipway where the fishermen require this area to store boats and ancillary equipment such as lobster pots and netting. Therefore, it would not be suitable for use as a picnic area. However, there is an onus on the fishermen to maintain the area in an orderly and safe manner and Kerry County Council will be in contact with a local representative to discuss the ongoing issues with a view to keeping this area tidy. A clean up of this area would be suitable for funding from the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty expressed disappointment with the reply. She said she believed that there is sufficient space to provide an amenity area. While acknowledging that many of the boats are in working order, she stated that there are several boats unused and abandoned and are very unsightly.**

**39. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That the roadside along Castlequin onto Ballycarbery and also along Cloghanelinaghan marked by bollards be repaired and built up as soon as possible.

**Reply:** The Council will repair these minor embankment failures within the next three to four weeks.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the reply.**

**40. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we properly surface the car park at Cahergal and Leacanbuile forts and that we examine ways of increasing the parking spaces there e.g the possible removal of the wall that divides the two areas at present.

**Reply:** This car park is owned by the Office of Public Works (OPW). The Council will refer this matter to the OPW.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty acknowledged the reply.**

**41. Cllr. N Moriarty:** Can we have an update on efforts to have approximately 2.5 to 3 km of the N70 New Line from Murreigh to Waterville road fully restored and improved?

**Reply:** At a recent meeting Transport Infrastructure Ireland indicated that they will consider a request from the Council to have the N70 Spunkane to Waterville Scheme proceed through the design phase this year.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty said she was very happy with the reply.**

**42. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we erect two signs indicating St Fursey's Holy Well at the Community Centre Caherciveen and OTW?

**Reply:** The provision of these two finger post signs is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

**43. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** That some funding be provided to repair private roads. There are many roads that have been resurfaced in the past through a Local Improvement Scheme and now in need of very minor repairs.

**Reply:** The minor repair of private roads is a matter for the users of the road. This has always been a condition of the Local Improvement Scheme.

**Cllr J. F. Flynn acknowledged that private roads are the responsibility of the road users. He referred to the Holly Bush road in Tullig and said that in the past this road has been resurfaced through a Local Improvement Scheme. This particular section of road has no houses occupying it and requested that the council would consider carrying out some patching works to a small section of this road.**

**Mr. P Teahan replied that all private roads are the responsibility of the householders and the users of the road.**

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn explained that the road is primarily used by the general public where the remaining section is a link road.**

**Mr. B. Hickey stated that the only option may be to take the road in charge.**

## **(c) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council assist Caherciveen Tidy Towns and the local community as a matter of extreme urgency by doing everything possible to secure the necessary funding to expedite the undergrounding of cables in Caherciveen Town.

**Reply:** The funding of undergrounding works in Caherciveen can only be considered in conjunction with other works such as, for example, significant pavement improvement works. There are no works of this type planned in the town at present. However, we will continue to work with the local groups in relation to any proposal where undergrounding could be incorporated in the project.

**Cllr. M. Cahill said that there is an urgency to carry out undergrounding works in the town. Caherciveen is a premier tourist town on the main Ring of Kerry road and Wild Atlantic Way route. The visibility of the cables can be unsightly.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council address the following issues in respect of the Rocky Road, Caherciveen as a matter of extreme urgency.

1. Reduce Speed Limit.
2. Pipe the drains and close them in.
3. Widen the road and install footpaths with street lighting and laybys
4. Address the ongoing Japanese knotweed problem.

**Reply:** 1. Reduce Speed Limit:. The extension of the 50km/hr speed limit will be considered under the current Speed Limit Review. The Council can provide slow signs and slow road markings on the Rocky Road L-11562. This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

2. Pipe the drains and close them in:- The provision of lay-bys/piping drains on the Rocky Road, L-11562, Local Tertiary Road is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

3. Widen the road and install footpaths with street lighting and laybys

Apart from a short section of the road near the Fair Green, The Rocky Road is outside the area zoned for development under the Caherciveen Local Area Plan and would therefore not be prioritised for the very limited funding available for footpath related works on Regional and Local Roads.

4. Address the ongoing Japanese knotweed problem. .

The Japanese Knotweed has been treated on the Rocky Road L-11562 over the past 2 years and will receive its final treatment in October 2017.

**Cllr M. Cahill requested that an update on Japanese Knotweed would be added as an item on the Agenda for the next Municipal District meeting.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue stated that Japanese Knotweed has previously been dealt with at Full Council. Standing Orders prevent the item from appearing on the Agenda of the next Municipal District meeting.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill asked that a report on Japanese Knotweed would come before the Municipal District meeting at a later date.**

**3. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council provide additional Public Lighting in Woodbrook Estate, Caherciveen as a matter of extreme urgency.

**Reply:** Public lighting at Woodbrook estate was designed and installed correctly at the time of construction, we have investigated this development and we consider that no further additional public lights are required, however, as the current lighting luminaires become faulty or beyond economic repair we will replace them with new LED units as outlined in our public lighting policy.

**4. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council carry out emergency improvement works to the following Bridges in the Glencar area (a) Keel Bridge (b) Cappamore Bridge (near Church) and (c) Bridge on Lyranes Road (near Community Centre) as a matter of extreme urgency, on "Health and Safety Grounds".

**Reply:** The Council will inspect the bridges at these three locations to determine if any maintenance works are required.

**Cllr. M. Cahill requested that a report on the Keel Bridge would be brought to the next Municipal District meeting.**

**5. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council prioritise the Church Road, Foilmore, Caherciveen (L11913) as a matter of extreme urgency. This Road needs to be Trunked and Surface Dressed on "Health and Safety Grounds" and should be automatically included in the next Road Grant's Programme.

**Reply:** This Local Tertiary Road L-11913 in Foilmore is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme 2017 - 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 next Restoration Improvement Programme. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

**Cllr M. Cahill requested that a letter would forward to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, asking that the L-11913 would be included in the next Restoration Improvement Programme.**

**Mr. P. Teahan replied that the Department of Transport Sport and Tourism will invite the council to make a submission at the end of the year.**

**6. Cllr. M Cahill:** That Kerry County Council, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Road Safety Authority address a "Death Trap" as a matter of extreme urgency on on the N70 Ring of Kerry Road, in the vicinity of Hoare's Machinery Yard and Prodent Pharmaceutical Company where accidents/ near misses occur on a daily basis.

**Reply:** In 2015, the Operations Department had a detailed meeting with TII regarding how funding for safety related schemes are prioritised and allocated to Local Authorities. The TII has introduced a technical standard, HD 15 Network Safety Ranking, into the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and this standard deals with road safety measures.

TII HD15 Network Safety Ranking requires the TII to carry out annual assessments of the national road network to identify High Collision Locations. These locations are subsequently analysed by the TII's Regional Safety Engineer. If an engineering solution is required, then the locations are forwarded to the Local Authority who carries out a Feasibility Report in relation to the possibility of a safety engineering solution.

This section of the N70 National Secondary Route has not been identified as a priority location under the formal process described in HD 15. The standard does allow Local Authorities to submit locations for examination where there would be a high incidence of road traffic accidents recorded on the TII database and which may not have been identified by the TII analysis. The Road Design Office has examined the accident statistics on this section of the N70 and there have been no accidents recorded over the past 10 years that would give rise to a submission to TII.

**Cllr. M. Cahill said that the area is a death trap. There have been a number of accidents on this road and he didn't accept the statistics from TII. The matter needs to be addressed urgently.**

**7. Cllr. M Cahill:** That Kerry County Council remove the extremely dangerous bend as a matter of priority at Lonart on the Killorglin to Cromane road, details supplied (Details with Directorate) as this is a major " Health and Safety " issue.

**Reply:** This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations fund. An estimate has been prepared and has been forwarded.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that this section of road is highly dangerous.**

**8. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please extend the footpath and install extra lighting along the Sneem road, to Pairc Na Gloine Estate, Gortamullen, Kenmare.

**Reply:** This footpath is on the N70 National Secondary Route and the Council will refer this matter to TII under the HD 17 Network Safety Ranking process.

Public lighting can only be installed at this location in conjunction with additional safety measures such as a footpath in compliance with the public lighting policy.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen stated that there is an urgent requirement for additional lighting and an extension of the existing footpath. He requested that the council would acquire a strip of land with a view to extending the footpath.**

**9. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen :** That Kerry County Council please give an update on acquiring land to make a footpath between the Brooklane hotel and Gortamullen Cross, Kenmare.

**Reply:** This junction of the N70 and N71 has been identified for further examination under Transport Infrastructure Ireland's HD15 Network Safety Ranking process. A Feasibility Report has been requested and will be prepared by the Road Design Office. The land in question is owned by a company and we will be in contact with the directors of the company as part of the process.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen said he has previously raised this notice of motion and called upon Kerry County Council to acquire the land.**

**10. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask the Director of Operations to erect three lights on the N70 between Milltown village and the Graveyard as services are already provided for such services.

**Reply:** We are currently carrying out investigations to determine the extent of previously provided services. Once all previous works are identified, we will then be in a position to provide an estimate to carry out the requested works.

**Cllr M. O' Shea said that matter is ongoing for sometime and asked that the works would advance very soon.**

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn supported the notice of motion.**

**11. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask the Director of Operations to request the TII to erect Deer Crossing Awareness Signs in the Ballygamboon/Clash.

**Reply:** The matter is currently being monitored and to date no evidence has been found indicating that deer are crossing. If in the future deer are found to be crossing at a specific location, then signage will be erected on the approaches to the location.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated he was contacted by an individual, expressing concerns that deers were sited on this road.**

**12. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that the public footpath on the left hand side going out the Lyre road and running parallel to the An Tuirin Linn estate be immediately repaired.

**Reply:** The footpath on the L4035, Local Primary road at Lyre has been repaired in the past fortnight.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea thanked the area engineer for carrying out the works.**

**13. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to address the following issues raised by the Stradbally Residents;  
Speeding of vehicles going through the village  
Footpath disrepair  
Disability Access  
Derelict Buildings in the village

**Reply:** The Council has within the past 2 years replaced the speed limit signage entering the Stradbally village so as to raise driver awareness as to the presence of a 50kph speed limit through the village. In addition, a blind bend has been removed within the village enabling the provision of a new section of footpath thus providing improved connectivity through the village. The Dingle Area Engineer has also met with the Gardaí on site and they have undertaken to assign more resources to the village with a view to addressing the speeding concerns of the residents.

There are significant constraints within Stradbally village and the provision of additional, or indeed improved footpaths to facilitate disabled access is not possible without significant land acquisition and associated accommodation works. These works will not be possible without acquiring the lands necessary by agreement. The Council will consider the submission of a scheme of further works to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport for funding under the Safety Improvement Scheme.

The repair of footpath is suitable for a CSMDO allocation and an estimate can be prepared upon request.

The issue of Derelict sites in Stradbally, Castlegregory will be referred to the Derelict Sites Officer for investigation and a report on the derelict sites, if any, in the area will be prepared and appropriate action in accordance with the derelict sites legislation will be initiated.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea said he has requested approval for a deputation from the residents of Stradbally to attend the next Municipal District meeting where the matter can be discussed further.**

**14. Cllr. M O' Shea:** To ask the Area Engineer to address the following issues on behalf of the Rocky Road Residents Association, Caherciveen.

The uncontrolled growth of Japanese Knotweed

Speeding

Lay-bys requested

**Reply:** The uncontrolled growth of Japanese Knotweed - The Japanese Knotweed has been treated on the Rocky Road, L-11562 over the past 2 years and will receive its final treatment in October 2017.

**Speeding:** The extension of the 50km/hr speed limit will be considered under the current Speed Limit Review. The Council can provide slow signs and slow road markings on the Rocky Road L-11562. This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

**Lay-bys requested:-** The provision of lay-bys on the Rocky Road, L-11562, Local Tertiary Road is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request

**Cllr. M. O' Shea thanked the executive for the reply and stated that there appears to be an ongoing surge of Japanese Knotweed.**

**15. Cllr. M O' Shea:** To ask the Area Engineer to put in place speed ramps at Millbrook Estate Milltown, especially on the main driveway going through the estate, as children are running across this road to access the green areas i.e. in line with the original planning application as they were indicated as part of the layout of the estate.

**Reply:** Millbrook Village in Milltown was taken in charge by Kerry County Council on 19th December 2011, after the developer had completed the works required in a Site Resolution Plan to get the bond released (as the furthest in portion of this development was not built and was returned to agricultural use). This was before the establishment of Irish Water on 1st January 2014.

Given that this estate is now taken in charge, it is no longer an estate being dealt with by the Housing Estates Unit. The installation of speed ramps was not sought when the bond and taking in charge applications were being progressed.

However, there were two speed humps shown on the planning drawings. One speed hump was to be located at the furthest in point of the estate road which only serves the undeveloped furthest in portion of the estate which has reverted to agricultural use. No traffic other than that accessing the undeveloped agricultural land would use this cul de sac. The second speed hump was to be directly opposite the large green open space near the furthest in 4 houses. Only 4 houses travel over this location on the way out to the main regional road. Given this, it was not sought for this speed bump to be installed at the time.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that the provision of speed ramps was outlined in the original planning application and requested that they would constructed at a more suitable location in the estate.**

**16. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** what is the progress regarding the street traders in Kenmare?

**Reply:** There are 5 appeals to the District Court in relation to the bye- laws. These appeals are scheduled to be heard on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Cllr D McCarthy asked when is the District Court scheduled for and does the council know who the appeals are from.

**Mr. M. O' Donohgue replied the court is scheduled for Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2017.**

**17. Cllr D McCarthy:** What is the update regarding the footpath from the Brooklane hotel to the junction of the Kenmare Molls Gap road?

**Reply:** This junction of the N70 and N71 has been identified for further examination under Transport Infrastructure Ireland's HD15 Network Safety Ranking process. A Feasibility Report has been requested and will be prepared by the Road Design Office. The land in question is owned by a company and we will be in contact with the directors of the company as part of the process.



**Dealt with in conjunction with Question no 9.**

**18. Cllr. D McCarthy:** What is the update regarding the footpath from Cill Mhuire to the priest cross?

**Reply:** The Council will consider the submission of these works to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvements Scheme.

**19. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That a drain at Bachelors Walk, Valentia be piped and filled.

**Reply:** The Council can pipe this drain at Bachelors Walk, Valentia Island. This work can be funded through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. An estimate shall be prepared upon request.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty requested that an estimate would be forwarded to her.**

**20. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we provide a disabled parking space alongside The Bianconi in Killorglin. There are two spaces nearby at the Mill Road Car Park however the steep incline from the car park makes these less effective than intended.

**Reply:** The Annadale road car park was resurfaced and relined in 2016. A total number of 38 spaces lined spaces were provided in the car park including two disabled car parking spaces. Annadale road has a particularly narrow cross section and would not be suitable for the provision of a disabled car parking space.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty explained that the two disabled parking spaces on Mill road are redundant as they are located on a hill. She called upon the council to source an alternative location for the provision of the disabled spaces in the town.**

**21. Cllr. N Moriarty:** That we include the Rocky Road Caherciveen for consideration in the next three year roads programme.

**Reply:** This Local Tertiary Road (L-11562) known as the Rocky Road, Cahersiveen, is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme 2017 . 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 next Restoration Improvement Programme. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

**22. Cllr. N Moriarty:** To liaise with TII in relation to repairing two sections of the N 70 at Gortnagree that are in very poor condition.

**Reply:** The Council will liaise with TII in relation to the condition of this section of road to determine the appropriate mechanism for seeking funding.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty explained that there are only a few sections of the road that requires patching and asked is the T.I.I. the main funding body for this road.**

**23. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That the lights at Coonana Pier be repaired. One of the guide lights to lead boats in and one of the main pole lights have been out for several months.

**REPLY:** The installation of two new Aid to Navigation lights and repairs to the power cable and public light at Coonana Pier are scheduled for this week.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the reply.**

**24. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That the bushes and trees toward Ballycarbery Castle be cut back to ensure safe access to the castle.

**Reply:** The cutting of hedges along public roads is the responsibility of the adjoining landowners. As the hedge cutting season has passed, the Council will assess the road and will take action if deemed necessary in accordance with our current procedures.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that it is a health and safety issue and is imperative that the road is deemed safe.**

**25. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we make approaches to (Details with Directorate) , of Portmagee with a view to agreeing use of an area of his land to facilitate parking.

**Reply:** The Council will approach the land owner concerned. However, at present we have no means of funding further car parking development in Portmagee.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty said it would appear what car parking spaces were added have been taken away with the construction of the wall.**

**26. Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please erect a sign for Kenmare at the four crosses Blackwater, Kenmare pointing towards Blackwater bridge.

**Reply:** We will arrange to have this sign ordered and installed.

**27. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please request substantial funding from the TII for the N70 Ring of Kerry road.

**Reply:** As outlined in the Update Report there are road works to the value of " 3m ongoing on the N70 Ring of Kerry Road at present.

There are a further four minor realignment schemes at design stage and these schemes are being advanced by the Kerry NRDO.

TII have also just confirmed that both the N72 Anglont (Liebig) to Dromavally (Killarney Road) and the N70 Dromquinna schemes should proceed to detailed design subject to standard TII approval processes. Considering the overall level of funding available for pavement improvements nationally it has been indicated that favourable consideration will be given to proceeding with the

above 2 pavement schemes to tender when the detailed design and necessary reports are submitted.

In the case of the N72 Killarney Road scheme The Kerry NRDO are preparing a Feasibility Report into the provision of footpath infrastructure and TII have indicated that they will give due consideration to inclusion of these works into the pavement improvement scheme strictly subject to TII approval processes.

TII have also indicated that they will consider a request from the Council to have the N70 Spunkane to Waterville Scheme proceed through the design phase this year.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen welcomed the announcement and stated that all members have previously raised concerns regarding the condition of the N70. The roads outlined are in a very poor condition and requested that Kerry Country Council would continue to keep the pressure on T.I.I., to ensure that the necessary works are carried out.**

**28. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** When will a feasibility study be ready for the job on the Valentia road regarding flooding. This is dragging on now for a very long time and totally unfair on local residents.

**Reply:** Malachy Walsh and Partners Consulting Engineers were retained by Kerry County Council to prepare a report on the flooding issues at this location and propose a solution with a view to seek funding through the OPW Minor Works Non Coastal Flooding Scheme.

Due to the restricted nature of this funding mechanism and the available funding being directly related to the number of properties flooded and at risk, it has proved very difficult for them to a) provide a cost effective solution that will meet the requirements of the OPW Cost/ Benefit analysis and have any possible hope of receiving funding, and b) come up with a viable proposal to alleviate flooding risk at this location, primarily due to the flashy nature of the watercourse in question and the restrictions posed due to proximity to the existing hotel and its underground services etc. Much of the solution may depend on a commitment to put in place a maintenance regime of what is essentially a private culvert and inlet screens.

Following a recent meeting with their engineer and a further site visit, a report will be completed in the next few weeks. However, as the flooding is essentially from and over private property, any possible solution will require buy-in from all interested parties, assuming a viable technical solution is found and can be funded.

**The Cathaoirleach asked when the feasibility study will be completed.**

### **(c) Questions**

## **(6) 19.05.17.06 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 Justice and Equality, Frances Fitzgerald, T.D., to immediately commence a major campaign against the illegal use of Date Rape Drugs and to introduce as a matter of priority a Mandatory Jail Sentence for those convicted of the use of such drugs and/or for those found in possession of such drugs, with intent to supply.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill said that he previously raised the matter at a meeting of the Joint Policing Committee. The notice of motion is self explanatory and proposed that the resolution would be forwarded to the Minister for Justice and Equality.**

**Cllr. D. McCarthy seconded the proposal.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, T.D., to immediately meet with a delegation from the Council to discuss the Health Crisis in Kerry and Cork Hospitals and in our community and the disgraceful and unacceptable circumstances where by members of the public in Kerry and throughout the country are in fact going blind while awaiting cataract procedures.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill said this Municipal District has previously requested a meeting with the Minister to discuss some outstanding issues and in particular the waiting list for cataract procedures in the county. He said he was in contact with an individual who has had both of their legs amputated and is awaiting a cataract procedure. He proposed that the resolution would be forwarded to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris.**

**Cllr S Fitzgerald seconded the proposal.**

**3. Cllr. M Cahill:** That Kerry County Council request the Irish Government, the Northern Ireland Government, Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland to lobby Booking.com vigorously to reduce their commission of 15% to a more realistic rate, as it is having a negative impact on Tourism by (A) forcing businesses to pass on the commission to the client (B) it is making accommodation very expensive (C) it gives Ireland a name of not being good value for money and (D) it is more important now than ever before to have competitive prices, especially with Brexit imminent.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill said he was approached by an individual involved in the Hotel Industry regarding the commission charged by Booking.com. He acknowledged that the web site was providing a facility which brought clients to hotels in the county, but couldn't understand how one company was allowed to charge a 15% commission. It is imperative that this rate is reduced to allow competitive rates for accommodation. He proposed that a letter would issue to the Irish Government, Northern Ireland Government, Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Northern Ireland.**

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn seconded the proposal.**

**4. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That we call for greater action to be taken regarding the abolition of Ragwort weed, its a danger to animals and damaging to the agricultural economy.

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

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen stated that the spread of Ragwort weed is very concerning for landowners with animals, as the Ragwort is believed to be toxic to animals. He proposed that the resolution would be forwarded to the relevant Government Department.**

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn seconded the proposal. It was agreed that the resolution would be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.**

**5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council call upon Coillte to replace felled forestry with a 20 meter woodland margin along roadways, comprising of mixed hardwood trees including native Oak but also faster growing trees to improve the appearance of areas especially along prime tourist routes.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen referred in particular to an area in Templenoe where forestry was recently cut and said that it now looks like a wasteland. Concerns were raised amongst the residents who contacted him regarding the matter. He proposed that the resolution would issue to Coillte.**

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn seconded the proposal.**

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

**6. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council to donate a portion of land from the Dingle Town Park to facilitate the Dingle and West Kerry Sports Clubs and Schools to create an Astra Turf Pitch within.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has been asked to examine a proposal to provide an all-weather facility at this location.

The Council, in conjunction with ETB are currently carrying out a preliminary review of such a proposal.

**Cllr M. O' Shea welcomed the reply and said that both the GAA club and Soccer club would be very appreciative of the facilities.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue stated that a local committee has been formed, who will officially write to the council regarding the request for the provision of the facilities.**

**7. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That Kerry County Council write to all Banks throughout the county to ensure that ATM machines are fully operable at the weekend.

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

**Cllr. D. McCarthy** said that during the recent bank holiday weekend, a number of the ATM's in Kenmare were unavailable and in-operable. He called upon all banks in the locality to ensure that their ATM's are fully operable and stocked at the weekend. Kenmare is a very busy town with many tourists and locals relying on the facility. Cllr. D. McCarthy proposed that the resolution would be forwarded to all banks throughout the county.

**8. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** That this Council again write to the Minister to intervene in the massive cost charged to drivers to get motor insurance.

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

**Cathaoireach Cllr. J. F. Flynn** said that the price of motor insurance has steadily increased over the last number of years. At a recent Joint Policing Committee meeting, the matter was raised and it was highlighted that there is a significant increase in the number of people driving without insurance, as they are unable to afford the cost of insuring their vehicles. Many Insurance companies are refusing to insure vehicles over 12 years which contradicts the NCT service. He called upon the Minister for Transport, Sport & Tourism to intervene and proposed that a letter would issue to the Minister's Department. It was agreed that the resolution would forward to the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport.

**9. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** How much annually does Kerry County Council pay Radio Kerry for advertisements to inform the public of burst water pipes.

**Reply:** In 2016 Kerry County Council paid Radio Kerry " 37,371.57 in respect of advertisements to inform the public of leaking/ burst water mains. This cost is recouped from Irish Water under the Service Level Agreement.

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn** acknowledged the reply and thanked Radio Kerry for the fantastic service that the station is providing.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea** supported the Cathaoirleach's comments and said that the service ensures that the public is advised of the outages immediately.

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue** agreed that Radio Kerry is providing a vital service to the local authority and the public. He acknowledged the work of the water services staff and complimented them on the excellent turn around time in repairing the outages.

**Cllr. M. Cahill** concurred with the previous views expressed in relation to Radio Kerry. He stated that he recently received documentation outlining the costs to repair the breakages in the Mid-Kerry water supply scheme and believed that it was a waste of money.

In reply to Cllr. M. Cahill's comments, **Mr. C. Mangan** stated that funding has been requested from Irish Water for pipe replacements works at Anglont and said he is hopeful that funding will be approved for this project.

**10. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** Will Kerry County Council recruit extra staff as soon as possible.

**Reply:** There are a number of factors that impact on the recruitment of staff within the current manpower planning activities of the Council which are continuously reviewed in the context of ensuring the delivery and prioritisation of key services and meeting our strategic priority objectives. Recent years has seen significant reductions across all funding sources which has resulted in a reduction in services being provided in these areas with a resulting impact on staff numbers. Therefore, the capacity of both internal and external funding sources remains a major consideration in reviewing staffing levels and the Council does continue to recruit staff within these financial constraints.

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn asked if the council has any plans to recruit staff immediately.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue replied that staffing levels are determined by the budget.**

**11. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council write to Minister Michael Creed and ask him to put an immediate stop to any proposed plans of Blanket Oyster Farming on our beaches near Glenbeigh.

**It was agreed that the notice of motion would be forwarded to the Department of the Agriculture, Food and the Marine. Cllr D. Quigg said he understood that as part of the planning process a report was carried out and that in advance of the resolution being forwarded, he requested that a letter would issue to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine requesting a copy of the findings of this report. He said that the Oyster farming has the potential to divide the community and could cause damage to the beaches and subsequently will only create six to seven jobs. The planning stage has concluded and the farmers are now looking to acquire the licences.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that discussions are ongoing behind the scenes, a meeting has been held with Board Iascaigh Mhara. There is no history of Oyster Farming in the area. Many of the applicants are local fishermen from the Glenbeigh and Cromane area, who have no intentions of damaging the area. The locals are anxious to protect the area and further meetings will be held on the matter. He said he is quietly confident that there will be a solution.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue undertook to request a copy of the report from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill asked if Kerry Country Council have an involvement in obtaining an agricultural licence for Castlemaine Harbour.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue replied that he is of the understanding that Kerry County Council have no involvement in the issuing of such agriculture licences. The council has an interest in the process as a Planning Authority and as the County Development Plan outlines, it is an objective of the council to support and lead sustainable growth in all sectors of the economy.**

**Cllr. D. Quigg asked if a consultation process took place.**

**Mr. O' Donoghue undertook to investigate the matter further and revert to Cllr D Quigg.**

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

**12. Cllr. D Quigg:** That this Council invite the IDA to come into South and West Kerry and explain to us how they will assist in bringing sustainable employment back into this area that will pay a living wage and stop mass emigration.

**Reply:** The Council has and is continually engaged with the IDA on their programme in Kerry. This engagement happens on a County basis rather than in a piecemeal basis.

The Economic Development Unit/ LEO will provide an update at the next MD Meeting on the various programmes and initiatives currently underway in the South & West.

**13: Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council contact bus Éireann and ask them to provide a bus stop sign in Castlemaine village.

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

**14. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That we request Kerry Airport to explore with airlines the possibility of providing routes from Italy and France.

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

**Cllr P. Connor-Scarteen stated that Kerry Airport provides outstanding access to and from Kerry and is exceptionally important to the county. It provides an excellent service to both the industries in the county such as Kerry Group, Dairymaster and Fexco and the tourism sector. He congratulated the staff of Kerry Airport on the recent announcement, that the airport recorded a profit for 2016. He welcomed the recent flight service to Berlin and called upon the management of Kerry Airport to liaise with the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport and the flight operators to provide routes from Kerry Airport to Italy and France.**

**It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Manager of Kerry Airport.**

**15. Cllr. J. F. Flynn:** That Kerry County Council write to the relevant phone companies that provide landline services about the outrageous prices being charged.

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

**Cathaoirleach J. F. Flynn stated that the majority of people no longer use landlines and can be specific to elderly people who require a landline to access their panic buttons. The cost of the landline is very excessive. He proposed that the council would forward the resolution to all landline companies.**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the proposal and said she was calling upon the government to reintroduce the telephone allowance for this purpose or even a partial grant.**

**(b) Correspondence**



**Mr. J. Foley briefed the members on the following correspondence forwarded to the Corporate Support Department.**

1	Letter from Department of Health dated 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2017 regarding the provision of grant aid towards the cost of defibrillators.
2	Letter from National Transport Authority dated 30 <sup>th</sup> March regarding the provision of a Bus Shelter at Laune View, Killorglin.
3.	Letter from Dept of Housing, Planning Community and Local Government dated 07 <sup>th</sup> April regarding the provision of grants for smoke alarms in all houses of the elderly and disabled throughout the county free of charge.
4.	Reply form Inland fisheries Ireland dated 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2017 regarding the provision of flood prevention advice.
5.	Reply from RSA dated 18 <sup>th</sup> April regarding the location of the National Driver Licence Service (NDLS) centres.
6.	Reply from NTA dated 27 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017 regarding the construction of a Bus Shelter in Milltown and Bus Stop in Castlemaine.
7.	Reply from Dept of Social Protection dated 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2017 re the provision of grants to business to make their premises more wheelchair accessible.

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

**(f) Any Other Business**

19.05.17.06(b) Approval for the Reception of Deputations

(a) On the proposal of Cllr. M. Cahill and seconded by Cllr. N. Moriarty it was agreed to receive a deputation from Caherciveen Tidy Towns to a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(b) On the proposal of Cllr. M. OqShea and seconded by Cllr. P Connor-Scarteen, it was agreed to receive a deputation from the residents of Stradbally Village to a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry

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

Residents of Sneem  
Re: Derelict estate in the Village.  
Requested by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae

Caherciveen Tidy Towns  
Re: Rocky Road and undergrounding of Cables in Caherciveen Town.  
Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill

Residents of Stradbally Village  
Re: Footpath and Speed issues  
Requested by Cllr. M OqShea

19.05.17.06(c) Date for next Municipal District Meeting

(a) As previously agreed the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South and West Kerry will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at the Area Service Centre, Killorglin.

(b) It was unanimously agreed that Annual Meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry will be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15 a.m.

**Resignation of An Taoiseach**

Cllr. D. McCarthy referred to Mr. Enda Kenny's recent resignation as An Taoiseach. He took the opportunity to congratulate him on his success as Taoiseach and said that he was a good servant to the county and a frequent visitor. He proposed that a letter would be forwarded to Mr. Kenny wishing him the very best in the future.

Cllr. M. OqShea seconded the proposal.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen said that on behalf of the Fianna Gael party, he thanked his colleagues for their well wishes towards Mr. Kenny.

---

**Jean Foley**  
**Meetings Administrator**

---

**Cllr. J F Flynn**  
**Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of**  
**South and West Kerry**

The meeting concluded at 1.29p.m.