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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY HELD IN THE AREA SERVICE CENTRE, KILLORGLIN, FRIDAY 03rd MAY 2019

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I LÁRIONAD SEIRBHÍSÍ CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN hAOINE 3Ú BEALTAINE 2019.

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen	Cllr. N. Moriarty
Cllr M. Cahill	Cllr. D. Quigg
Cllr. J. Healy-Rae	Cllr. D. McCarthy
Cllr. J. F. Flynn	
Cllr. M O' Shea	

ABSENT

Cllr. S Fitzgerald

IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR

Mr. J. Breen	DOS
Mr. P. Teahan	Municipal District Engineer
Ms. B. Conway	Meetings Administrator
Mr. M Kelliher	EE Caherciveen
Mr. K O' Halloran	EE Kenmare
Mr. B. Hickey	EE Killorglin
Ms. S Griffin	Municipal District Officer
Mr. C Mangan	S.E.E Water Services
Mr. G. O' Brien	A/S.E.O. Environ Services, Planning Enfor& HEU
Mr. C. Slattery	S.S.O. Housing
Mr. J Griffin	Tourism
Mr. P. Devine	E.E.
Ms. C. Fitzgerald	S.O Corporate Affairs

The meeting commenced at 10.16 a.m.

Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty took the chair.

Cathaoirleach N Moriarty gave apologies on behalf of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald and it was agreed that all his Notice of Motions and Questions would be moved by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen.

03.05.19.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes

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

(B)Reception of Deputations

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

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

The first spokesperson explained that the Rockmount Centre provides an excellent service both locally and to the people of Killarney and Kenmare. The centre is built on high ground and when exiting from the west side, the sight line is very poor and can be very dangerous as the traffic is approaching from the Kenmare side at a high speed. He requested that the council would consider acquiring land from the church and build a footpath to improve the vision at the exit. He acknowledged that the councillors have previously allocated towards signage and road markings in the village but said that they are no longer effective and doesn't solve this problem.

The second spokesperson wished to concur with his colleague's comments and stated that a fatality occurred here a number of years ago. The entrance is particularly dangerous for children, who must enter the building by the church as it is too dangerous to enter from outside the centre. The construction of a footpath would improve the safety measures at this location.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and thanked them for highlighting this matter today. The value of the community centre can't be undermined, it provides an excellent service to the community. He stated that both himself and Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen have allocated towards signage for the area. He asked that the council would approach the church with a view to moving back the wall and building a footpath. He also asked for clarification in regard to extending the 50km speed limit to the football field.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and complimented them on the service they are providing in the centre. He said that their request is within the means of the council. He undertook to allocate towards the works through his CSMDOF if permitted.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen welcomed the deputation and thanked them for attending today's meeting. He said it is disappointing that the slow signs didn't have the desired effect and hopefully the provision of the speed reduction signage will alert motorists to slow down.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn welcomed the deputation and complimented them on the service that the centre is providing. He explained to the deputation that firstly an estimate will have to be completed for the works which will determine if the works may qualify for a grant scheme funding. He confirmed that presently he wasn't in a position to allocate towards the works and wished them well.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with the comments of the previous speakers.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and offered them his full support but stated that he wasn't in a position to allocate towards the works as he was presently involved in a number of projects.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and undertook to allocate towards the works if re-elected.

Mr. P. Teahan introduced himself and on behalf of the executive welcomed the deputation to the meeting. Firstly, he wished to confirm that Kerry County Council is very supportive of the project but stated that there is significant works involved, costing in the region of " 70,000 which is beyond the scope of the Operations Department's Maintenance budget. He advised the deputation that the

scheme is more suitable for CLÁR funding, however as the closing date has recently passed for applications, he suggested that the deputation apply for funding from the Community Enhancement Scheme, which is in the remit of the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Kenmare Area office will assist the applicants with completing the Expression of Interest form.

The first spokesperson thanked the council for their reply and said they were very happy with the positive outcome.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae thanked the deputation and proposed that the Rockmount Centre would be considered for a MD Annual Award. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. J. F. Flynn.

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

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

The first spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) introduced herself and the members of the deputation to the meeting. She explained that the residents of the Maherees Lower have applied to Fáilte Ireland to extend the Wild Atlantic Way down to the pier which is only an extension of 4 miles. In the response, Fáilte Ireland have stated that the decision will be strongly based on Kerry County Council's support of the application. She explained that the Maherees is a Tombola and initially the WAW was deemed a bus route but now has expanded to a walking and cycling route. The deputation stated that there are here today seeking Kerry County Council's support for their application.

The second spokesperson explained that the Maherees is endeavouring to create a Centre of Excellence for Water Sports and also to create a Heritage Trail for the north side of the area which is under-utilised.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their comprehensive presentation. He stated that Kerry County Council will support their application and that any proposal to promote Tourism in the area must be welcomed. The area has all the attributes to attract tourist.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and wished to support their application and stated that it would be a huge boost to the area if the route was extended.

Mr. J Griffin welcomed the deputation and stated that ultimately the decision is down to Fáilte Ireland but Kerry County Council will support the application. Fáilte Ireland have been inundated with request to extend routes all over the country due to its success. A consultation team have been appointed by Fáilte Ireland to investigate the proposed routes and a decision is due in July / August. Following a request from Cllr. M. O'Shea to issue a letter of support to Fáilte Ireland to extend the Wild Atlantic Way to the Maherees, Mr. J. Griffin stated that all correspondence will continue through Kerry County Council's Tourism Office. Mr. Griffin stated that all the facts will be presented to Fáilte Ireland which they will have to evaluate.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and stated that he too wished to support their application. The Maherees is a beautiful location between Cloghane and Brandon and it makes no sense that it isn't already on the WAW route.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with the previous comments expressed. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation and also wished to support their application. He stated that the introduction of the Wild Atlantic Route has been a huge boost for off season tourism.

Cathaoirleach N Moriarty welcomed the deputation and stated that the council is very supportive of the application but unfortunately the gift isn't with the council.

Nomination for Annual MD Award

Cathaoirleach N Moriarty proposed that (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) who rescued two people after their car fell off the slipway in Valentia Island would be considered for a South & West MD Annual award.

The proposal was seconded by Cllr. D. McCarthy

(c) Deputation from Inch Community Council

Re: Amenities & Services on Inch Beach

Requested by Cllr. M. O' Shea

The Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and briefed them on the Standing Orders for reception of deputations at the meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry. She noted that the deputation has compiled a very detailed document and it was agreed that the executive would meet with the group at a later date to discuss the document in detail.

The first spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) thanked Cllr. M. O'Shea for organising them to attend today's meeting. He explained that the Inch Community Council have formed a sub committee known as Inch Tourism Development Group who have compiled this extensive document outlining the deputation's plans for the area.

The second spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) stated that Inch is the second most visited area in the county with the National Park in Killarney being the first, however very little has been invested in the area. He referred to the document submitted to the council and stated that the deputation is requesting the following for the area

-Footpath and promenade would be constructed in front of the beach.

-Toilets

-Car park

-Playground.

He stated that a previous planning application for a golf course in Inch needs to be revised.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the deputation and commended them on the document they have recently compiled. Inch is an untapped treasure and has the potential to make Mid Kerry a very vibrant tourist attraction. He welcomed the council's commitment to hold a separate meeting with the committee to discuss this document. He requested that Kerry County Council would make Inch a priority for 2019-2020 and acquire land either by acquisition or C.P.O. with a view to creating Inch as a tourist hub for Mid-Kerry.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their presentation. There is great potential for Inch and said that when travelling from Killarney to Inch there is no place for tourists to stop. He welcomed the document and hoped that many plans outlined by the deputation will come to fruition. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with the comments of the previous speakers. He supported the deputation's request for the footpath and a promenade and said he too believed that there is a total lack of investment in Inch. This infrastructure is a necessity for the area.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and stated that all members have previously raised the issues at Inch. The tourists are visiting the area but the facilities aren't there to accommodate them. Inch is the second most visited area in the county after Killarney and only receives very little funding.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with the comments of the previous speakers. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the deputation and stated that Inch is a fabulous facility but there is a huge imbalance on the distribution of funding countywide. He welcomed the suggestions of the deputation and undertook to raise their concerns with Deputy Brendan Griffin.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the deputation and stated that he was very familiar with their concerns. He stressed the importance of forming an alliance when applying for funding. He wished the deputation all the success and offered them his full support.

The Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and credited much of the success of Waterville to the promenade. The Rural Regeneration Plan will be crucial for funding for the deputation's request.

Mr. J. Breen welcomed the deputation and explained that he was deputising on behalf of Mr. M. O' Donoghue who is the South & West MD Manager. He commended them on the document they have submitted to Kerry County Council and confirmed that the executive will meet with the deputation at a later date to discuss their plan in detail. Inch is a blue flag beach and Kerry County Council is cognisant of the value that Inch is to the county and must ensure that it is maintained and confirmed that there are two wardens patrolling the beach.

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Planning and Development Act 2000(as amended) to consider:

(a) The Chief Executives Report on submissions/observations received in relation to the Draft West Iveragh Local Area Plan 2019 - 2025

(b) The adoption of the West Iveragh Local Area Plan 2019 . 2025.

The Item was withdrawn from the Agenda.

(a) 03.05.19.02 To note update report from Economic and Community Development Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

Business Support Unit (LEO)

March 2019 was designated as Enterprise Month, with many events run throughout the County. Events hosted included:

- A Family Business Succession Workshop
- An introduction to Tendering workshop
- A Brexit mentor clinic
- An Employment Law seminar

The Kerry Student Enterprise Awards took place on 25th of March in the ITT, with 26 start-up mini businesses competing.

The 2019 Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur programme is currently underway. The competition is open to entrepreneurs aged 18-35 with prizes for Best Idea, Best Start Up and Best Established Business. A series of bootcamps is currently taking place in Tralee to work with these existing and potential young entrepreneurs.

Interest in the Trading Online Voucher Scheme remains strong with 23 applications presently awaiting assessment. The LEO continues to deliver clinics across the MD.

Economic Development Unit (EDU)

RRDF/URDF and Town and Village Renewal - Expressions of Interest

Kerry County Council is seeking 'Expressions of Interests' from organisations and groups who may have suitable projects for consideration under these schemes. The schemes have been developed by the Department of Rural and Community Development and Department of Housing Planning and Local Government to support measures which rejuvenate rural and urban towns and villages throughout Ireland.

All interested groups must complete an Expression of Interest Form and return to the Community Department, Kerry County Council, Rathass, Tralee or email to community@kerrycoco.ie no later than Tuesday, 30th April 2019.

Sneem Digital Hub

The Sneem Digital Hub was officially opened in April 2019 by the Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, Brendan Griffin TD. Sneem Digital Hub is a not-for-profit initiative aimed at generating employment and investment in the South Kerry area through the provision of office space, hot desking facilities and co-working space. It offers opportunities for start-ups, entrepreneurs, and existing businesses as well as the potential for businesses or companies to locate or re-locate to Sneem.

Sneem Digital Hub received significant funding and other supports through Kerry County Council, Enterprise Ireland, the Department of Rural and Community Development, South Kerry Development Partnership and the local community.

Tourism Development

COUNTY KERRY FESTIVALS & PARTICIPATIVE EVENTS PROGRAMME 2019:

The Tourism Strategy & Action Plan 2016-2022 recognises the importance of events and festivals to Kerry tourism. They are an integral part of our tourism offering and afford an opportunity for local people to attract increased visitors and revenue into their community. Community Groups, Chambers and Tourism Alliances around the county make a great contribution to Kerry tourism by organising festivals and events that showcase culture, people and places. The Festival & Participative Events Programme supports festivals and participative events that will drive domestic tourism and help to

improve the visitor experience in Kerry. The Tourism Unit of Kerry County Council administers this programme on behalf of Failte Ireland. To be considered for funding, a minimum festival/event expenditure of " 10,000 must be demonstrated and 42 no. festivals and events have been provisionally granted funding for 2019 events, from a total allocation of " 75,250. The following festivals/events in the South & West MD area have been allocated funding:

Cahersiveen Festival of Music & the Arts	" 2,000
Chaplin Comedy Film Festival	" 2,000
Comortas Peile Paidi O Se	" 2,500
Daniel O Connell Summer School	" 3,000
Dingle Adventure Race	" 750
Dingle Food Festival	" 6,000
Dingle International Film Festival 2019	" 2,750
Dingle Races	" 1,000
Feile na Bealtaine na Bealtaine	" 2,250
Feile Lughnasa	" 1,000
Feile na Ramhaiochta Mara	" 1,000
Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí	" 1,000
Halloween Howl	" 4,000
Hardman Events	" 750
K-Fest	" 3,000
Kenmare's Christmas Fest	" 2,000
Kerry Group Ras Mumhan	" 750
Portmagee Annual Set Dancing Weekend	" 2,000
Puck Fair	" 2,750
Ride Dingle	" 750
Ring of Beara Cycle - Kenmare	" 750
Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle	" 750
Shine a Light	" 1,000
Sneem International Storytelling Festival	" 2,250
SR Atlantic Challenge	" 1,500
The Lost Sheep	" 750
TOTAL	€48,250

NETWORKING EVENTS 2019:

The Tourism Unit, in conjunction with Failte Ireland and the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum, organised two tourism networking events in March . one for the North Kerry area and one for the Kenmare-Beara area. Over 90 businesses were represented at the events which provided a structured networking opportunity for tourism providers with the aim of increasing their knowledge of the tourism products on offer in their localities. The events facilitated greater cross-selling across the various sectors in order to increase visitor spending and dwell time in their areas. The feedback from those who attended both events was extremely positive with a large number of businesses making personal contact with each other for the first time.

FESTIVALS WORKSHOP & MENTORING PROGRAMME 2019:

The Tourism Unit in association with AOIFE (Association of Irish Festival Events) and the Destination Kerry Tourism Forum recently held a Festivals Workshop for festival and event organisers and committees. Over 50 participants attended, representing a wide range of festival and event from throughout the county, including several from the South & West MD area. The workshop covered topics including: a sector snapshot; identifying and building lasting partnerships with key stakeholders including Kerry County Council, the HSE, Civil Defence and sponsors; event scheduler and regulatory issues; commercial revenue/fundraising; knowing your target audience; marketing and PR.

One-to-one private mentoring sessions were also provided for six festival/event committees, including the Shine-a-Light Festival in Valentia, Féile Lughnasa in Dingle, Castlegregory Summer Festival and Kenmare's Halloween Howl, with the aim of facilitating bespoke guidance on growing their events, availing of finance and funding, new ideas to enhance events as well as tailored marketing advice and how to grow audiences on social media platforms.

Community Development

Launch of 2019 Town and Village Renewal Scheme

Mr. Michael Ring TD, the Minister for Rural and Community Development, announced the launch of the 2019 Town and Village Renewal Scheme on 16th April 2019. The scheme supports the rejuvenation of rural towns and villages with populations of less than 10,000 people through projects that will have a viable, long-term benefit.

For 2019, the Town and Village Renewal Scheme will support projects which enhance the town or village centre environment. Building on the pilot scheme launched by Minister Ring in October 2018, it will also place a focus on initiatives which encourage increased residential occupancy in town centres.

Kerry County Council has advertised for expressions of interest from towns/villages (***closing 30th April***) and can select up to 12 proposals for development into detailed applications to be submitted to the Department by the end of June. Selection of projects will be by means of a competitive process, with the final project selection being made by the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Categories of Town/Villages

Two categories of Town/Villages are eligible for support under the scheme:

Category 1: Towns/villages with a population of less than 5,000 people.

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

At least of 60% of the funding available will be awarded to Category 1 towns and villages.

Successful proposals will demonstrate close collaboration between communities and business interests in the design and delivery of proposed projects.

Launch of Rural Regeneration and Development Fund

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund supports larger scale projects, with a minimum grant allocation of " 500,000. Minister Ring launched the second call for proposals under the Government's Rural Regeneration and Development Fund on 12th April. This call for proposals will focus on capital regeneration projects which are ready to commence.

Full details of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund, along with the Application Form, are available on the Department of Rural and Community Development website, at

<https://drcd.gov.ie/about/rural/rural-regeneration-development-fund/>.

Expressions of Interest also by 30th April to Kerry County Council.

Launch of Community Enhancement Programme

The Community Enhancement Programme (CEP), which is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development, has provided " 142,409 for projects in Kerry in 2019. The CEP provides funding to community groups across Ireland to enhance facilities in disadvantaged areas and is administered by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) in each Local Authority area.

Kerry County Council is pleased to announce that grant applications are now being invited from Community Groups and Local Organisations across the county.

In Kerry it has been agreed that the funding under this Programme will be targeted at supporting Age Friendly & Healthy Community initiatives, that target actions in the Local Economic and Community Plan and Kerry's Age Friendly Strategy.

Typical enhancements under the programme could include, Home Maintenance programmes, Accessibility Projects, the provision of comfortable meeting spaces for older people, community amenities, public realm improvements, social spaces, community safety initiatives, intergenerational projects, creative and recreational activities for older people.

The funding covers **capital projects only** and should demonstrate **added value**.

The CEP will be administered by Kerry County Council in cooperation with the Local Community Development Committee.

Grants:

There are 2 levels of Grant available under the programme in Co Kerry.

1. Small scale capital grant of " 1,000 or less
2. Capital grant in excess of " 1,000

Organisations eligible for funding include:

- Locally based community and voluntary groups in disadvantaged urban and rural areas,
- Not-for-profit organisations

Applications will be evaluated by the LCDC to ensure eligibility and consistency with the scheme as advertised.

Deadline for receipt of applications is Thursday 30th May 2019



HEALTHY KERRY COMMUNITY WEEKEND

Wellbeing Across the Ages

4 - 6 May 2019

The Big Hello! Healthy Kerry Community Weekend 2019 is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and has provided an allocation of " 10,000 to be invested in eligible projects in Kerry. The purpose of this national event is to strengthen community ties and tackle social isolation. Events are to be centred around food, environment, wellbeing or culture.

Three events will be hosted in the South & West MD over the weekend as follows:

Kenmare: Community walk of 2k, 5k and 10k to suit all ages and fitness levels and 2-hour open sessions for children in the local sports clubs, as well as a "Grow your own Fruit/Veg" Workshop and a summer foods BBQ demo by Karen Coakley.

Ballinskelligs Community Care – Cool Siúl - A 5k family friendly walk/run/jog from Ballinskelligs Community Centre to Ballinskelligs Beach returning along the old road to Ballinskelligs Community Centre, as a fundraiser for Ballinskelligs Community Care in memory of Kathleen Fitzpatrick. The walkers will come back to the Community Hall for a cup of tea and a chat and a visit to the community garden and polytunnel where young and old will have an opportunity to plant some seeds and small plants.

Lauragh Community Council - Fourth Street Feast event at this community hall. People attend with a plate of food for sharing. This year's aim is to attract older people who may not be able to provide food for a group. There will be music and some games, competitions and raffles. In addition, **the PPN** will facilitate numerous Street Feasts throughout the county. This is a well-established event (since 2010) and there is no cost to participating groups.

CLÁR Funding 2019

The measures being funded under the 2019 CLÁR programme are:

Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures

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

Measure 3: Community Wellbeing Supports, comprising of 3(a) First Response Support, 3(b) Mobility and Cancer Care Transport, and 3(c) Sensory Gardens.

The closing date for receipt of applications in respect of Measure 1, Measure 2 and Measure 3 (c) was the 9th of April 2019.

This deadline was set to allow all applications to be assessed in advance of the Local Authority submitting final applications to the Department of Rural and Community Development by 25th April 2019.

There is a minimum cash contribution required from the Community/School under each measure.

Measure 3 (a) and 3 (b) applications must be submitted directly to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

The full Scheme Guidelines and application forms which set out the detailed requirements of all 2019 CLÁR measures are available on Kerry County Council's website.

From the South and West Municipal District, ten projects were submitted for consideration under Measure 1 and seven under Measure 2 and three under 3(c).

Community Awards 2019

In total 101 applications were received this year under the Community Awards Programme. The awards (10 silver and 10 gold) will be presented at the awards event to be hosted in the Dromhall Hotel, Killarney on Thursday, 16th May, 2019. Kerry County Council's entries to Pride of Place 2019 will be selected from the award winners.

Public Participation Network (PPN)

The Access for All workshop consultation report was launched on the 11th of March and feedback has been very positive.

The report is a compilation of the issues being faced by people with disabilities and how society can affect positive change.

Across all consultation sessions it was clear that there has been a vacuum in providing a basic discussion forum to begin exploring the relevant issues. The workshops have been a good first step in addressing this need. A fundamental outcome from the consultations is the importance of engaging and linking in with the disability sector prior to any works being carried out.

Hard copies of the report are available from the Community Department.

LEADER Programme

1 no. meetings of the Kerry LCDC led Local Action Group (LAG) was held on 8th April 2019. A total of 19 no. projects supported by South Kerry Development Partnership CLG (SKDP) were presented for approval at the meeting. Following a detailed consideration of the information received, all 19 projects were approved with a cumulative total of " 426,953.24.

Projects approved to date within the SKDP & IRD operational areas are as follows:

SKDP: 86 no projects with a monetary value of " 1,697,645

IRD Duhallow: 6 no projects with a monetary value of " 124,657.18

Socio Economic Plans

The process is ongoing. A further meeting was held on the 11th April in Kenmare and this will be followed by an online survey. A follow up meeting will be held with SKDP and Ian Dempsey in the next couple of weeks. The work is due to finish by the end of May.

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

Community Support Fund 2019.

In the South & West MD area, a total of 77 projects were supported under the 2019 Scheme. Letters of offer including Conditions of Support have now been issued and a number of groups have received the first payment.

Community Support Fund 2017 and 2018

A number of groups remain to be paid for the 2017 Community Support Fund and these groups have been contacted by Tony Taggart with a view to closing these files. He is continuing to work with the 2018 groups.

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017

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

Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018;

Work is ongoing with the successful projects as follows:

Killorglin - Killorglin Town Centre Project: Following the appointment of the new committee at the AGM of the Killorglin Chamber Alliance, held on the 6th March, a new group has been put in place to further this work programme. This project sets out to address the dereliction and vacant properties that exist in the town. A meeting has been scheduled to progress this project through the Chamber Alliance.

Kenmare - This first element involves the enhancement of the vicinity where trading takes place and the works proposed are refurbishment of the railings around the Park in the town centre. Work on the second element which is the development of an online route planner with specific local information for visitors to Kenmare has commenced.

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

LEADER and SKDP

The last LEADER Evaluation meeting was held on the 25th March. The MD Officer is the Kerry Co Co nominee on the SKDP LEADER evaluation committee.

Rural Regeneration Scheme

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

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

Ongoing queries

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

Age Friendly

Meetings have been held with the Kerry Library Service regarding the designation of an Age Friendly Library service. It has been agreed that there will be a parallel approach. Kerry Library Service is designating one Library as an Age Friendly Library initially but will incorporate specific age friendly services throughout the Library service countywide. It has been agreed to link with Older People's networks and Local Link as part of the work programme. The OPC has been consulted on this initiative and some really good ideas were proposed in relation to Book Clubs, Poetry Clubs, further use of the Mobile Library and practical advice for people using Libraries.

The Arts Office attended the Older People's Council meeting in relation to the Bealtaine festival and some good ideas resulted. There will be a specific initiative in relation to dance and it has been agreed to collate a list of activities across the county.

Discussions have been held with the Local Enterprise Office to roll out an Age Friendly Business information booklet which provides a guide to business owners. Links will be made with the Chambers grouping.

The closing date for applications for the 2018/2019 Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards is **5pm on Tuesday, 14th May 2019.**

AGE FRIENDLY RECOGNITION AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2018/2019

This year, eight categories of awards, aligning to the WHO themes, have been chosen as they have a meaningful impact on the lives of older people in Ireland.

1. AGE FRIENDLY TRANSPORT AWARD (Transportation)

Getting to where you want to go when you want to go is so important to so many older people. This category recognises the vital difference that access to good quality and reliable transport options can make to an older person.

2. AGE FRIENDLY ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING AWARD (Community Support and Health Services)

We are living for longer, but remaining healthy and active in later years can be a real challenge. This award recognises those initiatives that optimise opportunities for good health in later years, so that older people can continue to play an active role in community life.

3. AGE FRIENDLY BUSINESS INNOVATION AWARD (Civic Participation and Employment)

We know that creating an enjoyable and accessible environment for older consumers pays dividends for businesses and the wider community. This category acknowledges age aware businesses who recognise that older people are both producers and consumers and bring a wealth of experience and expertise to our society.

4. AGE FRIENDLY SAFETY AND SECURITY AWARD (Housing)

Feeling safe and secure at home and when out and about greatly enhances the lives of older people. This category acknowledges the impact of community based responses that enable older people to feel secure in their homes and in the wider community, and to know what to do when they don't.

5. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNICATION AWARD (Communication and Information)

A lack of access to information is often cited as a barrier to ageing well in Ireland. The ability to access clear and concise information can impact on a range of aspects of an older person's life, from health and wellbeing to social connectedness to financial security. This award recognises efforts being made around the country to bridge the information gap.

6. AGE FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT AWARD (Outdoor Spaces and Buildings)

The built environment has a unique impact on the lives of all older people. Simple things like adequate public seating, level footpaths and appropriate crossing times at pedestrian crossings all

have a huge impact on the ability of older people to be active in their towns and villages. This category recognises projects that bring about change in the built physical environment with older people in mind.

7. AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY INNOVATION AWARD (Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion)

The voice of the older person is at the heart of the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme, the Programme is designed and implemented with them and not for them. This award recognises those innovative projects that are driven by older people for older people in the local community. These projects not only enhance the lives of older people, but benefit the community at large.

8. AGE FRIENDLY HOUSING AWARD (Housing)

As people age they spend more time in their own homes. This means that older people's quality of life, and thus their health, can depend on the appropriateness of their home environment and the conditions in which they live. This award recognises innovative housing initiatives that enable older people to remain independent at home for as long as possible.

See Kerry PPN website for Application Form.

Planning & Sustainable Development

Conservation

Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2019. (South and West MD)

The following provisional grant offers have been made to successful applicants for conservation grant funding under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2019. These grant offers must be met by at least 50% private match funding.

Structure	Amount (€)
Ballyhearney House, Valentia	3,900
Church of Immaculate Conception, Knightstown, Valentia Island	2,500
Beleville House, Lateeve, Portmagee	4,000
The Cable Station, Waterville	3,700
Derryquin Lodge, Sneem	3,100
Structure, O'Connell Street, Cahersiveen	3,500
Coláiste Íde, Burnham House, Dingle	4,700
An Discart, Green Street, Dingle	4,000

Conservation

A geophysical survey of 12 acres around the early Neolithic portal tombs in Killaclohane, Wood has been completed. This survey has identified two areas of potential archaeology. It is hoped that these two structures will be examined in detail in early summer.

(a) Notice of Motion

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council clarify who is responsible when a Planning applicant is requested to set back the front boundary from the public road for the area in between the road and the

new boundary wall and will the Council agree to surface dress these sections when carrying out works in these areas.

Reply: The relevant setback distance, type and finish of the boundary treatment and the finishes between the new boundary and the public road are specified in either the plans and particulars submitted with a planning application or by condition attached to a decision to grant permission. The responsibility for compliance with the plans and particulars submitted and the relevant planning conditions specified in a planning decision rests with the developer. Where such conditions are not complied with the Local Authority may use the statutory powers under Part VIII *Enforcement* of the Planning and Development Acts 2000 . 2019 in order to ensure such conditions are complied with.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response and asked that resurfacing works would be considered.

In response Mr. P. Teahan explained that the works are properties specific and a number of factors must be considered before any works are undertaken.

(C) Questions

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council assist the residents of Beaufort with the provision of a site for a Playground. It is very unfair that a Parish the size of Beaufort with a large number of families with young children does not have a Playground. Kerry County Council should also take into consideration the popularity of Beaufort as a holiday destination and the large number of young families who holiday in the area.

Reply: Kerry Co Co. has offered significant assistance to a local community group in Beaufort to develop a playground within the village. To date, efforts have been hampered by the absence of a suitable site. The Council does not have any lands in the area that would meet the required specifications for a playground site. The local group are to continue with their efforts to identify and secure a site.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response and asked that the council would continue to assist the Parish in their efforts to secure a suitable site.

2.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council examine the feasibility of providing a Skateboard Park in Killorglin for the large young population of the Killorglin/Mid Kerry region and the tens of thousands of visitors who travel the Ring of Kerry every year.

Reply: The Municipal District Officer will liaise with the Killorglin Chamber Alliance on the feasibility and support for this project and will revert in relation to next steps.

3. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That KCC give an update on the Valentia Ferry situation and what they propose to do about it.

Reply: Valentia Island Ferries Limited is a private ferry company but operates a vital public service between Reenard Point and Knightstown, Valentia Island. The continuance of the ferry service is a key action of Kerry County Council's County Tourism Strategy (Action 1.11.1). The Council has consistently lobbied the departments of Transport, Tourism & Sport, the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment and other departments in support of the project. Our understanding is that recent repair works to the current vessel will ensure its short term future and that long term replacement options are being explored by the company.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that this council has previously written to Minister Ross and proposed that this Municipal District would again write to the Minister asking that he would consider the provision of funding for a long term replacement for the ferry service.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the proposal.

03.05.19.03 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: Gerard O'Brien SEO

1) Spring Clean and County Clean Up Day

The annual Spring Clean period takes place each year during April and May. Community contribution is critical to keeping Kerry litter free.

The 2019 Kerry County Clean Up day, facilitated by KWD Recycling, was held on Saturday April 13th. Close to 300 groups registered with KWD for the County Clean Up and it is estimated that 6,000 volunteers took part in the event throughout Kerry. The numbers of groups and volunteers each year continues to rise. The results on the quantity of bags that were collected must yet be finalised by KWD & Kerry Co. Council.

Local organisations including **Kerry GAA, Kerry IFA, and Kerry ICMSA** joined in the effort again this year and called on their members to join the clean-up and anti-litter initiative on the day

The Diocese of Kerry, Church of Ireland and the Kerry Islamic Community also raised awareness about the county clean up to their respective congregations.

The organisation of the Kerry County Clean Up was supported by a collaborative committee including KWD Recycling, Killarney Chambers of Commerce & Tourism and Kerry Co. Council.

2019 Anti Dumping Initiative “Not in our Nature”

Kerry County Council has been informed by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment that funds of ” 3m are being made available through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAS) to support a 2019 Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).

The Anti-Dumping Initiative aims to reduce incidents of illegal dumping by providing funding for projects tackling the problem using a collaborative approach with Local Authorities, Communities and other State Agencies.

Funding will be prioritised using the following key measures

1. Prevention
2. Abatement
3. Education
4. Enforcement

Financial support is also available for Local Authorities who utilise Eircode information in the role out of the Waste Management Bye Laws which require households to demonstrate how they are managing their waste.

Kerry County Council will be making an application for funding to the Southern WERLA before the deadline of the 30th April.

Fire Services

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

Operation of the Fire Brigade Service:

- There were **342** mobilisations up to the end of March 2019 compared to 310 mobilisations for the same period in 2019.
- Gorse fires at 89 were up 30 for the same period last year.

This figure for Q1 of the year has increased over the past few years. This is due to more landowners now burning during the legal period up to the end of February and where some of these fires go out of control. It is prohibited to burn between 1st March and the 31st August.

While this increase in burning during the legal period is due to the initiatives of the Kerry Interagency Wildfire Group, it should be noted that these initiatives have seen the numbers of illegal gorse fires Kerry Fire Service have had to attend annually reduced from 650 in 2010 to 175 last year in 2018.

However, some landowners continue to burn illegally during the period 1st March to the 31st August and these fires remain a very real, damaging and costly problem for Kerry. The recent spell of dry weather up to the end of March has resulted in Kerry Fire Service having to deal with a number of gorse fire incidents across the county.

The Kerry Interagency Wildfire Group are committed to continue their work to tackle the issue of out of control wildfires and to further reduce the levels of out of control wildfires in the County.

- Chimney fires were at 38 which is down from the 53 for the same period last year
- Road Traffic Collisions were at 31 which is the same as for the same period last year

	2018	2019
	Jan-Mar	Jan-Mar
<i>FIRE OPERATIONS - DETAILS OF OPERATIONAL WORK</i>		
<i>Fires Number</i>		
Chimney Fires	53	38
Gorse Fires	59	89
Other Fires	37	48
Total	149	175
<i>Special Services Number</i>		
Entrapment	8	5

Gas/Chemicals	0	3
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non-Transit	0	0
Machinery	0	0
Miscellaneous	26	24
Other rescue	9	9
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	1	2
Road traffic accident	31	31
Water pumping/flooding	3	0
Total	78	74
<i>False Alarms Number</i>		
Malicious	0	2
Good Intent	30	37
Total	30	39
<i>Total Number of Incidents</i>	257	288
<i>Total Number of Mobilisations</i>	310	342

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 2019.
- Fire Officers continued with premises inspections in respect of complaints and as otherwise required.

Building Control Statistics:

	Jan-Mar 2018	Jan-Mar 2019
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	33	34
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	25	31
Commencement Notices Received	122	121

Library Services

Library Service Report

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

Library service:

“ Dingle Library is currently hosting a series of talks facilitated by Transition Town Corca Dhuibhne under the heading **Corca Dhuibhne Glas**. The talks cover a range of environmental topics and how they impact on contemporary life and specifically on the Dingle Peninsula. Topics include sustainable living, food waste and the circular economy. The Kerry-based speakers include Dr. Micheál Ó Cinnéide (former director of the Environmental Protection Agency); Catriona Fallon, CEO of Siamsa Tíre; Manuel de Grandi, Louise Overy and Martha Farrell. The **Corca Dhuibhne Glas** series of talks will continue in Dingle Library until 16 May on Thursday evenings at 6.45 pm. Tuilleadh eolais ar fáil ón leabharlann. dingle@kerrylibrary.ie / 066 9151499

“ Kerry library has been successful in securing two free concerts with Evelyn Grant and the RTE Lyric FM Quartet. These will take place at **Killarney Library on Tuesday, 14 May, 11.00am** and at **Caherciveen Library on Wednesday, 15 May, 11.00am**

The RTÉ Lyric FM Quartet is led by Evelyn Grant (flute/piano); Mary McCague (violin/piano); Jean Kelly (Harp) and Gerry Kelly (cello).

The quartet is presenting 10 free concerts in county Kerry from 13 . 17 May inclusive as part of its Education and Outreach activity. The programme will take place in primary and post primary schools, care homes and libraries and is delivered within the concept of Life-long learning . **Listen, Engage, Enjoy** and the programmes are tailored to the individual settings. These outreach concerts are provided free as part of RTÉ's public service commitment.

“ Library events programme - countywide details at www.kerrylibrary.ie

All libraries

May 2019	Bealtaine - The Bealtaine Festival [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
June 2019	On Saturday, 15 June Kerry Library will host a number of events as part of the nationwide Cruinniú na nÓg festival, which celebrates creativity in young people. Storytelling performances with Billy Teare and Kathleen Warminger will take place in Killorglin, Killarney, Tralee and Listowel libraries. Castleisland library will celebrate Irish folklore with myths and legends storytelling sessions on The Salmon of

	<p>Knowledge and Setanta and a craft weaving workshop while Dingle library will focus on its own local and now famous resident, Fungi - The Dingle Dolphin, following which children will produce their own artistic representation of Fungi. All events are free of charge and as usual all Kerry libraries are open to the public each Saturday.</p>
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SOUTH AND WEST KERRY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING

Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí

Achoimre Stádais ar an 11ú Márta 2019

Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme

Status Summary at 23rd April 2019

Funding Priorities for Capital Projects

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

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

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

IRISH WATER'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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

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

Kilgarvan Water Treatment Plant	A further €500,000 upgrade to the treatment process was completed in December 2018. Civil works, fencing etc to be finished
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TIONSCNAIMH FUIOLLUISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THAR WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA	
Project	Status
Castlemaine Waste Water	Proposed circa €1.3M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant ; Contractor appointed; Construction is planned for 2019 and completion 2020.
Kenmare Waste Water	The proposed €10M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant was approved by Irish Water; a Consulting Engineer has been appointed. A Flow / Loading Survey was completed in August 18. It is intended that a Planning Application and Environmental Impact Report will be lodged in June 2019 with a view to construction in late 2020 and completion in 2022.
Annascaul Waste Water	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Feasibility study submitted to Irish Water; Preferred site identified; valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process.
Baile An Fheirtéaraigh Waste Water Treatment Plant	Irish Water recommends that the upgrade be considered as part of National Certificate of Authorisation Programme (NCAP), under which IW is currently assessing over five hundred plants; NCAP Report by IW due in Q.3 2019
Castlegregory Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed WWTP Upgrade; KCC has made a submission to IW, requesting funding of " 1.2M; New site, contiguous to existing WTP, has been acquired; Irish Water's final Capital Investment Programme 2020 – 2024 awaited.
Ceann Trá Waste Water Treatment Plant	Proposed Integrated Construction Wetland : Feasibility study submitted to Irish Water; Preferred site identified; valuer to be appointed by IW for the Land Acquisition process.
Kilgarvan Waste Water	A proprietary package WWTP, commissioned in 2015, is operating satisfactorily. Some necessary additional improvement works have been identified; a Design Report and an application for funding of " 400,000 were submitted to IW in August 2017.

IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works**. Projects of value €9M have been completed in the **South and West Kerry Municipal District since 2014** and the list of **current** projects, for which Kerry County Council has applied in this district, is outlined below.

MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME for SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREAS			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
Emlaghpeasta WSS Aghagadda	Lay 1800M of 160MM uPVC water main	" 216,000	Complete
Portmagee WSS Knightstown	Provision of Reservoir, 1830M rising Main and 650M distribution mains	" 275,000	Pipes laid , site acquired and Planning process complete . reservoir installation May / June 2019
Portmagee, Baile Mór and Dún Chaoin Water Treatment Plants	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tanks. (Baile Mór completed)	" 30,000	Underway
Baile An Fheirtéaraigh WSS - An Cat Dubh	Replace mains and lay new mains; 385M/160MM, 445M/110MM, and 520M/65MM; provide pump station	" 130,000	Underway
MKRWSS Callinafersy	Replace 1.5Km of old main with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 180,000	Approved
MKRWSS Cooleanig Kilgobnet	Replace 2.1Km of old main with 110MM uPVC pipe	" 315,000	Approved
Mid Kerry RWSS Board Of Works Rd	Replace 2.78Km of 300MM Trunk Main to Gap Cross	" 780,000	Requested
Approximate Total of <u>APPROVED</u> Works not yet done:		€650,000	

THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME

The administration and development of the Group Scheme sector continues to be a function of the Local Authorities under the guidance and supervision of the **Department Of Housing, Planning and Local Government**.

Irish Water has no authority, responsibility or involvement.

Requested submissions for funding under the national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021** were made to the DoHP&LG in March and it is expected that the 3-year Programme will be published in the coming weeks.

Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

Funding was allocated in the DoHP&LG's 2016-2018 programme for upgrade works prior to take-over by IW at the Group Water Schemes of Dawros (" 100,000), Bonane (" 70K), Kells (" 50K) and Tuosist (" 25K), and it is expected that provision for these Schemes will again be made in the imminent national **Rural Water Programme 2019 – 2021**.

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

Mr. C. Mangan briefed the members on the report which was circulated to them in advance of the meeting while highlighting the following.

- Castlemaine Sewerage Scheme will commence in 2019 and be completed in 2020.
- Mr. C. Mangan referred to the pipe laying works at Baile An Fheirtéaraigh WSS - An Cat Dubh and stated that this will improve the water supply in the village.

Board of Works road

Cllr. J. Flynn asked for update on the road works to be undertaken on the Board of Works road, following pipe replacement works.

In response Mr. C. Mangan confirmed that some funding has been received from Irish Water to repair parts of the road which have been damaged by repairs to burst water mains and by pipelaying works, and this work will be carried out by the Council's Operations Department.

Kenmare Sewerage Scheme

In a response to a query regarding the provision of a Sewerage Scheme for Kenmare, Mr. C Mangan confirmed that a consultant has been appointed.

Dawros Reservoir

In a response to a query from Cllr. J. Healy-Rae, Mr. C. Mangan replied that Irish water has provided funding to construct a reservoir and confirmed that the Council is currently assessing two sites in the area.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae acknowledged that substantial funding has been provided for this project but stressed that the recent upgrade in the Kenmare water treatment plant hasn't addressed the storage /

supply issue to the town and, because Dawros also supplies Kenmare, so the provision of this new reservoir is crucial.

Group Schemes

Mr Mangan confirmed that the Council has been given the go-ahead by the Dept. Of Environment to appoint an engineer to work on the applications for Taking In Charge of Group Schemes.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the announcement and said she was hopeful that the Taking In Charge of Group Schemes can now be expedited.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the announcement and said she was hopeful that the schemes would be brought up to standard.

Storm Hannah

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen wished to thank the staff for the works they had undertaken during Storm Hannah.

All members wished to be associated with Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen comments.

(b) Notices of Motion

1.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That KCC request Irish Water to upgrade the Water Scheme in Kells.

Reply: There are 90 connections, 14Km of water mains and a reservoir on the **privately operated Kells Group Water Supply Scheme**, the source of which is an upland stream.

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.**

It is planned to upgrade the Kells GWSS by connecting it to the public network (thus abandoning the local source) by laying a pipe to Kells from the Mountain Stage WSS or the Cahersiveen WSS (Coulagh water treatment plant). The works will be funded by the DOHP&LG. The Scheme will then be suitable for takeover by Irish Water.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen noted the response and asked that the works would be done as a matter of urgency as the population increases during the summer months.

2. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask KCC what is the update position with the Seaside caravan park, Camp i.e. in terms of environmental issues and planning.

Reply: Kerry County Council has on going planning enforcement file in respect of this development. Our Environmental Services Department will also be arranging a further site inspection to determine if there are any environmental issues.

Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that he had concerns for the residents living in the caravan park. The living conditions are very poor. There are no primary health care facilities in the area and it 12 to 13 kilometres away from Tralee town. He asked for clarification on whether the planning was granted for short term or long-term residency and if any of the tenants are in receipt of HAP payment.

Mr. J Breen confirmed that no tenant is in receipt of HAP payment and that Rent Allowance paid by the Department of Social Protection and not Kerry County Council. He undertook to check if the planning was for long term or short term stay.

In addition, Mr. G. O' Brien referred to the reply and said there is an open enforcement file and the council can't make any further comment.

(c) Questions

1.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we insure that there are adequate life belts along the river walks and public spaces adjacent to the Fertha River in Caherciveen.

Reply: An assessment will be carried out on the walks and public spaces adjacent to the Fertha River and lifebuoys will provided where necessary.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the response.

(a) To note update report from Housing Directorate

It was agreed to note the following report.

Housing Report – SOUTH & WEST

Municipal District.

- **Housing Applications**

	<u>No</u>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	1006
Net Need for S&W MD (excluding transfers)	716
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	87
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	53

Breakdown by Bed No.

1-Bed	493
2-Bed	299
3-Bed	185
4-Bed	27
5-Bed	2
Total	1006

- **Void Management**

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

- **Social Housing Options**

Social Housing Options in MD	New tenancies in 2019.	Total No of tenancies as at 31/12/2019
LA Housing	33	1019
RAS	2	127
Leasing	5	90
HAP	31	132
<u>Total no of Tenancies</u>	71	1368

4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Estimated start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Drom West, Glenbeigh	1 No.	3 bed	March 2019	Jan. 2020
Ballnakilly, Glenbeigh	1 No.	4 bed	June 2019	April 2020
Cullenagh Upper, Beaufort	1 No.	3 bed	Nov. 2019	Sept. 2020
Ard Bhearna, Ph4, Gortamullen, Kenmare	14 No.	14 No. 3 bed	Dec. 2019	Nov. 2020

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

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Start date</u>	<u>Estimated completion date</u>
Tullig Beg, Cromane	1 No.	3 bed	Aug. 2018	June 2019
Meanus, Killorglin	1 No.	3 bed	Sept. 2018	July 2019
Owngarry, Killorglin	1 No.	4 bed	Jan. 2019	Oct. 2019
Cuirt Eaglaise, Milltown	8 No.	4 No. 2 bed 4 No. 3 bed	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2019
Ardmoniel, Killorglin	14 No.	14 No. 2 bed	Jan. 2019	Dec. 2019

House Acquisitions 2019.

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
Milltown	1 No.	4 bed	Feb. 2019

5 Maintenance/Improvement of Housing Stock

From 1st January, 2019, 466 No. requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

6 Housing Adaptation /Housing Aid for Older People Grants

From 1st January, 2019, 39 No. grants have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

7 Bedroom Extensions

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

(b) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. M Cahill: That this council call on the Minister for Housing, Eoghan Murphy to introduce a revised Tenant Purchase Scheme as a matter of priority that is fair to all Local Authority Tenants and allows them the opportunity to purchase their homes and will the Council confirm the number of House sales that have gone through to date and the number of applications received in respect of the current Scheme.

Reply: A national review of the 2016 Tenant Incremental Purchase Scheme was undertaken by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government and we are awaiting the findings of this review and any changes to the Scheme which may occur as a result. To date there have been 384 applications made under the scheme and 35 sales have been fully completed.

Cllr. M. Cahill noted the response and stated that he was very disappointed with the reply. the scheme disqualifies over 80% of the applicants.

2. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask the Director of Housing to please explain why there is a fault with the development in Steeple Meadows Park, Milltown which the council recently purchased i.e. a problem with chimneys within all. The repairs have not commenced yet

Reply: There were no faults detected during the inspections of the recently constructed turnkey properties at Steeple Meadow Park. The properties were constructed in compliance with current Building Regulations and all provided with oil central heating - with 7 day time/ temperature controls, as well as solar panels for hot water. The properties all have unattached flues in the sitting rooms thereby allowing the tenants to install solid fuel stoves if they wished as an alternative heating source. Already some tenants have arranged this themselves but the installations were not overseen by KCC. KCC Housing Department has received a few complaints in relation to these privately installed stoves and undertaken to inspect them. It should be noted that should solid fuel stoves be installed, the installation must be in accordance with Part J (2014) Building Regulations and tested upon completion, so that the stove and their controls are left in the intended working order and can operate effectively and efficiently.

Cllr. M. O' Shea noted the response and stated that he understood that there are problems with the stove and asked that the council would address the issues.

3. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask the Director of Housing to explain how single applicants are waiting up to & over 11 years on the Dingle social housing list and to why their needs have not been addressed.

Reply: There are 493 applicants in the South and West MD approved for 1 bed accommodation of which 132 applicant have chosen An Daingean as an area of choice. One bed accommodation is the largest need in most areas in Kerry and indeed nationally. Some applicants on the one bed list in An Daingean have been successful in sourcing HAP tenancies in the private market supported by Kerry County Council. In total there are 22 of the applicants in the 1 bed waiting list in An Daingean supported by HAP tenancies. There is a lack of 1 bed property in the public and private stock in An Daingean at the moment and this will continue to be a challenge for the foreseeable future.

Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that a number of people are waiting to be housed in the Dingle area and suggested that the council would consider constructing a complex in the Lispole / Annascual area of one and two bedroom apartments.

Cllr. D. Quigg opposed the notice of motion and stated that there are no services in the area to cater for this level of accommodation.

A vote on was taken on the Notice of Motion as follow

For: Cllr. M. Cahill, P. Connor-Scarteen, J. F Flynn, J. Healy-Rae, D. McCarthy, Moriarty, MqOqShea

Against: Cllr: D. Quigg.

Absent: Cllr. S. Fitzgerald.

Mr. B. Conway declared the Notice of Motion to be carried.

(b) Questions

1.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: How many extra houses have been constructed or acquired by KCC since May 2014. Please give a break down year by year.

Reply: A breakdown of all Constructed and Acquisitions (including Turnkey) is shown below . the total across these categories is 309

	Constructed	Acquired	Turnkey
2014	0	0	0
2015	0	32	0
2016	4	58	0
2017	6	50	4
2018	65	59	23
2019 (Q1)	0	7	1

Cllr. P. Conon-Scarteen thanked the executive for the response and stated that while the response is positive, there is still a significant demand for accommodation for single people.

03.05.19.05 Operations Health & Safety Directorate

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

1. Roads / Transportation

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

National Roads

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

N70 Sneem to Blackwater Bridge (Ankail to Doon) Road Project -2019 Allocation- " 250k:-

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

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

- Options have been identified and are being appraised.
- Bridge Consultant has been appointed to prepare the necessary Bridge Technical Acceptance Report ahead of the Statutory Planning Process which will be undertaken later in 2019.

N70 Creamery Cross

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

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack . 2019 Allocation -" 100k

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

N70 Brackaharagh . 2019 Allocation -" 100k

- Land acquisition (by agreement) ongoing. All agreed in principle
- Topographical Survey complete
- Procurement of Ground Investigation and Archaeological Testing ongoing.
- Detailed Design to commence in Q2 2019.

N70 Derreenafoyle

- Project on hold

N70 Castlemaine to Milltown - 2019 Allocation - " 100k

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

N72 Minor Works Scheme between Killorglin Bridge and Anglont-

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

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

- Land acquisition and will continue through 2019.

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

- Engineering Consultants are currently being appointed and they will prepare the Detailed Design and Tender Documents for the Construction Contract during the remainder of 2019. Topographical Surveying/ Archaeological Testing and GI will be carried out in coming months.

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

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

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

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

- This project is substantially complete ahead of schedule. The official road opening ceremony took place on April 26th 2019.

National Secondary Pavement and Minor Works
Pavement overlay and associated works

Status of Projects at Construction Stage

<i>Road No.</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>	<i>Current Allocation</i>	<i>Comment</i>
N70	N70 Killorglin Town and N70 Tinnahally to Stealroe	1,300 and 1,400	" 3.5m	Construction works are ongoing with works in the Town substantially complete. Work has now commenced on the N70 Tralee/ N72 Killarney road roundabout and will proceed towards Astellas followed by the N70 Tinnahally to Stealroe section.
N70	Dromquinna	900	" 1.1m	Watermain reinstatement works will be complete by the 25 th of April. Once the watermain is complete the final surface course will be laid. Outstanding works, including accommodation works/boundary wall/lining and studding to be complete by the end of May.

Status of Projects at Design Stage

Road No.	Location	Length (m)	Current Allocation	Comment
N70	Waterville to River Inny Bridge	6,000	" 3.5m	Tender Documents are finalised and will be published on etenders, subject to the necessary approvals being received.
N71	Molls Gap to Kenmare	5,100	" 50k	<p>Transport Infrastructure Ireland approved the following to proceed to detailed design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N71 Kilkeana to Kenmare pavement scheme. • N71 Kenmare Safety Scheme including the provision of a footpath to Ard Bhearna and pedestrian facilities at the junction of the N70 and N71. <p>The Safety Scheme requires the completion of a Part 8 statutory planning process. This process will commence in the current quarter.</p> <p>A Compulsory Purchase Order may be required in due course for all elements of the design at the N70/N71 Junction and this matter will be kept under review in consultation with TII.</p>

Regional and Local Roads

Restoration Improvement Programme Restoration Maintenance Programme

These programmes are detailed in the 2019 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan and the scheduling of these works is currently being finalised.

Specific Improvement Grants

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

Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure

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

All Areas

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, footpath maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

2. Capital Infrastructure

South Kerry Greenway

The Planning Application and CPO documentation has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála (ABP). The closing date for submissions to ABP was October 19th 2018. A copy of the planning application and CPO are available for inspection on the KCC website www.kerrycoco.ie. An Bord Pleanála have issued a request for further information in relation to the application. The date for return of this information was 8th April 2019. On 25th April Kerry County Council received notification from An Bord Pleanála stating that the information submitted was considered to be significant further information and asking that it be put on public display for a period of not less than 30 days. An advert will appear in the local newspaper in the coming weeks. A date for any Oral Hearing has not yet been fixed by ABP.

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

3. Other Operational Matters

Piers and Harbours Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme 2019

The Council has applied for funding to repair the steps in the Glen Pier in Ballinskelligs. However, no funding was received in the initial round of funding. Occasionally DAFM have a second round offer and the Glen may receive funding later this year.

Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 55

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days (since last meeting . incl. routine maintenance): 40

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 0

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

OPW Minor Flood Mitigation Works and Coastal Protection Scheme

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

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

APPENDIX A

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

Rural Recreation Projects funded and description		Grant aid received	Expected date of completion of project	Notes
Milltown	Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail	" 100,000	Q3, 2019	It has not proved possible to advance the original proposal and an alternative route option through Kilderry Wood and linking to a viewing point on the new N70 Kilderry Bends scheme is being advanced. Approval for the revised scheme will be sought from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

APPENDIX B

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
8313	Lamp out	5567	Bell Height Kenmare	16/04/2019	Access Issues
8231	Lamp out	4322	Upper Bridge Street Killorglin	04/04/2019	Access Issues
8206	Lamp out	71	Firies Village	02/04/2019	Access Issues
8307	Lamp out	4826	Riverview Caherciveen	11/04/2019	Under investigation
8304	Lamp out	4797	Old Market Road Caherciveen	11/04/2019	Under investigation
8297	Lamp out	4907	Valentia Bridge	11/04/2019	Cable fault

(b) To approve the naming of the 04th Phase of the Dingle Inner Relief road as " Bóthar Ridirí Chiarraí." "The Knights of Kerry Road."

On the proposal of Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen and seconded by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was agreed to name the 4th phase of the Dingle Inner Relief road as " Bóthar Ridirí Chiarraí." "The Knights of Kerry Road."

(c) Notice of Motion

1. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland to provide as a matter of priority a footpath/walkway/cycleway and viewing area adjacent to the new E10 million Kilderry Bends Road between Milltown and Killorglin.

REPLY: The provision of such a facility has been raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland and discussions are ongoing in relation to securing the necessary approvals / funding to advance these works.

Separately, as outlined in the Update Report it has not proved possible to advance the original Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail that was funded through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and an alternative route option through Kilderry Wood and linking to a viewing point on the new N70 Kilderry Bends scheme is being advanced. Approval for the revised scheme will be sought from the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and asked that the discussions with T.I.I. would be expedited.

2. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council prioritise a programme of works and ensure that both Caherciveen and Glenbeigh are infrastructure ready for the South Kerry Greenway, if and when Planning Permission is granted for this massive tourism project for our county.

REPLY: Infrastructural improvements in both Caherciveen and Glenbeigh will continue to be considered under all the relevant funding headings available to the Council, including the grant schemes that are administered and allocated by both the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport and the Department of Rural and Community Development. The principal road through both Caherciveen and Glenbeigh is the N70 National Secondary Route and the Council continues to raise the requirement for improvements along the Ring of Kerry with Transport Infrastructure Ireland who are the funding authority for national roads.

Notice of Motion no 3 & 4 moved by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen on behalf of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald.

3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council erect a Cattle Crossing Sign on the Dingle-Ventry Road at Baile Móire, Ceann Trá near the farmyard of (Details with Directorate)

REPLY: This location satisfies the requirements for the erection of a Cattle or Farm Animals sign W151 as set out in paragraph 6.18.3 in Chapter 6 of the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Traffic Signs Manual. The erection of these signs would be suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation and a cost estimate will be prepared upon request.

4. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council write to the relevant body who is in charge of Public Lighting in West Kerry to tone down the public light at Tír Cross, Bréanainn? The strength of this light is interrupting with the residents of a nearby house who claim that interferences with their sleep.

REPLY: It is not possible to reduce the light being emitted at this location. The only option available is to remove the light which may not be desirable.

5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That KCC please put in place a footpath and lights from the bridge to the sports fields at Castlequin, Cahersiveen.

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

In response to a query from Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen regarding negotiations, Mr. P. Teahan replied that this scheme would involve substantial works at a minimum of €250,000 which would include land acquisition. Unfortunately, there is currently no scheme in place to fund the works.

6. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That KCC please put concrete near the turning point at Rath Beach, Caherdaniel, so that cars can turn safely and so that further erosion is prohibited.

REPLY: The Council can place a concrete edging along the public road to enable cars to turn more safely at the entrance to Rath Beach. This work can be funded through a Councillors Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation.

7.Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask KCC would they please address the social houses in Ballyferriter village as they are in a dilapidated condition i.e. In need of exterior maintenance.

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

8.Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council rename The old Mart road back by the café over past the new hall and past the Mart , the residents of Milltown want this road renamed from Upper Chapel Lane to Father McCluskey road. He was a patron to Milltown many years ago. An iconic figure who built Milltown mart, the old hall and founded the Milltown GAA field.

REPLY: The proposal is a complex legal matter and we have sought advice from the County Solicitor in respect of same. We will revert to the next Municipal District Meeting when the advice has been received and considered.

9. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That KCC would carry out extensive traffic calming measures at Glounaguillagh NS Caragh Lake.

REPLY: The County of Kerry Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 provide for a speed limit of 50 km/h at this school. Signing and lining measures have been put in place on all the approach roads to this school over the past number of years. The provision of digital speed indicator signage may be suitable for consideration under the Clár scheme in 2020, as the Council's proposals for this year have been submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development last month. The school can make an application to the Council for consideration next year provided the terms of the scheme remain the same.

10. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That KCC would put in a speed ramp at (Details with Directorate).

REPLY: The County of Kerry Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 provide for a speed limit of 30 km/h in this estate. The Council adopted a Traffic Calming Policy for Residential Estates and Local Roads in May 2016. This location does not meet the basic criteria for consideration of traffic calming measures which in the case of a cul-de-sac road in an estate is a minimum length of 150m of straight road.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae explained that there is no house located where the speed ramps have been requested and asked that the council would speak to the residents regarding the matter.

11.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That Kerry County Council would clean the layby and repair the small slip along the lake in Gleninchaquin, Kenmare.

REPLY: This work will be carried out in the next 2 weeks.

12. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this council would renew the lines and cats eyes from Morley's Bridge to Kilgarvan village and carry out resurfacing works in the village.

REPLY: A 1.2km section of this road was completed under the restoration maintenance grant in 2018 and re-lined as part of the works. The majority of the lining on the remainder of the road is in good condition. However, there are a number of small sections where the lines have faded and these will be re-lined when we next have the lining contractor in the area. There is currently no funding available for the installation of cats eyes along this section of the regional road.

Kilgarvan Village has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport's 2019 Restoration Improvement Programme. This section of the R-569 is scheduled to receive " 147,000 through this grant.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae acknowledged that works will be carried out to the road, however he explained that there is a dip on the road and asked that it would be examined.

13. Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to erect a sign on the Kenmare side of old Killarney road stating no through road for vehicles.

REPLY: A sign will be erected at this location in the next month.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the response.

14: Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council if there are any plans to upgrade the main road from the Grotto into Portmagee.

REPLY: A 1.1km section of the R-565 in Aghanboy, Portmagee has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport's 2021 Restoration Improvement Programme. This section of the R-565 is scheduled to receive " 234,477 through this grant. General maintenance will be carried out on this road in the interim to the extent allowable by Local Road upkeep funding.

15: Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council to repair the road on the eastern entrance to Westcove Pier in Castlecove.

REPLY: This road (L-11604) in Westcove has been included in the Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport's 2020 Restoration Improvement Programme. This road in Westcove is scheduled to receive " 98,975 through this grant.

The Council can carry out minor repairs to this road in the interim to the extent allowable by Local Road upkeep funding.

16: Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council if there is funding available for improvement works to the footpath from Main Street Kenmare to the New by pass road.

REPLY: Improvement works will be carried out on a number of bays along this section of footpath as part of the 2019 footpath programme.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the response and stated that sections of the road are in very poor condition and need to be repaired urgently.

17. Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County Council when will the new safety measures at Cleady Cross Kenmare be complete.

REPLY: There is no funding available at present to undertake these works. However the improvement of the junction will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvement Works Scheme later this year when the Department seeks proposals.

Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the notice of motion.

(d) Questions

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council take into consideration the fact that Cromane Pier is the main priority and focus of the Cromane Socio Economic Plan by ensuring that this long over due project is given the attention and priority it deserves and will the Council confirm when the promised meeting with all interested parties will take place.

REPLY: The Council are continuing to seek a meeting with the parties that would be involved in this project including the relevant Government Departments. We will revert to the Municipal District Meeting when further progress is made regarding convening a meeting in relation to the proposed Cromane Pier and Access Road project.

Cllr. M. Cahill expressed frustration at the response and it is embarrassing that the project hasn't commenced and asked that everything would be done to commence the process.

In response Mr. J. Breen confirmed that a letter has been received from the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine and undertook to circulate the correspondence to the members.

2.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council take into consideration the significant increase in recent years in the number of people climbing Carrauntoohil and the number of visitors driving to Lisliebane carpark, Beaufort by providing additional laybys on this very busy and narrow road as a matter of extreme urgency and will the Council confirm if there is Fáilte Ireland funding available for these works.

REPLY: The provision of lay-bys on the L-11751, local tertiary Lisleibane road is suitable for funding through a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation. An Elected Member has recently allocated to provide lay-bys on this road. However, if more lay-bys are considered to be required then a further cost estimate for a CSMDOF allocation can be prepared upon request.

In a response to a query regarding the funding of the Lay-bys from Cllr. M. Cahill, Mr. P. Teahan stated that the council may apply to fund the lay-bys through Outdoor Recreational Scheme, however the CSMDOF is a more reliable source of funding.

3.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That traffic calming and warning signs for South View Terrace Waterville be erected as soon as possible.

REPLY: The Council will erect two %Children crossing signs+within the next two weeks.

4. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That the displaced and loose rocks at Bunavalla Pier be repaired straight away to prevent further damage.

Reply: These works will be completed in late Q3 2019 and outside the main tourist season.

5.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we work with An Coillte to make safer a small section of The Kerry Way at Blackwater Bridge between Templenoe and Sneem where walkers are directed onto the main road at a point where it is very narrow and heavily trafficked. The proposal would be to get agreement from An Coillte to allow a boundary wall be put back affording more space for walkers.

REPLY: This proposal may be suitable for an application for funding under the Department of Community and Rural Development's Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme and it will be examined and considered further in consultation with Coillte over the next number of weeks.

Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty welcomed the response.

6. Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council and the Department of Transport address the Death Trap Junction by improving the sight distance and carryout a major Traffic Calming Scheme at Tullig Cross on the Cromane/Killorglin Road as a matter of extreme urgency before someone is killed or seriously injured at this location.

REPLY: This location will be considered for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Safety Improvement Scheme. The accident statistics mapped by the Road Safety Authority on their Online Map of Collisions in Ireland indicate that over the period from 2005 to 2015 two road traffic accidents took place in the vicinity of this junction, with both accidents occurring in 2005. No accidents were recorded at this junction during the period from 2006 to 2015.

Cllr. M. Cahill asked that the council would make a submission to the Department under the safety improvement scheme at the next available opportunity.

7.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That KCC request that the light at Kells Beach car park is turned from the road and towards the car park. Its of little use the way its currently facing.

REPLY: The car park is approximately 25 metres from the existing public light and the rotation of this light would not illuminate the car park. Additionally, there is also a residential building which would obstruct the light. The provision of an additional light at the car park would be

suitable for a Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund allocation and an estimate will be prepared upon request.

Mr. M Kelliher undertook to request that an estimate would be prepared by the Public Lighting unit.

8.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Now that the new speed limits are in place when will the new reduced speed signs be put up throughout the Municipal District?

Reply: It is currently targeted that the new speed limit signs will be in place at the end of Q2 2019.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen requested that the provision of new speed signs would be prioritized in Housing Estates and Schools.

9. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Please give an update in relation to progress for the South Kerry Greenway. It is vital that it goes ahead.

REPLY: As outlined in the Update Report. the Planning Application and CPO documentation has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála (ABP). The closing date for submissions to ABP was October 19th 2018. A copy of the planning application and CPO are available for inspection on the KCC website www.kerrycoco.ie. An Bord Pleanála have issued a request for further information in relation to the application. The date for return of this information was 8th April 2019. On 25th April Kerry County Council received notification from An Bord Pleanála stating that the information submitted was considered to be significant further information and asking that it be put on public display for a period of not less than 30 days. An advert will appear in the local newspaper in the coming weeks. A date for any Oral Hearing has not yet been fixed by ABP.

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

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen thanked the executive for the reply and stated that it is important that the public are aware of the procedure involved and the necessity for the C.P.O.

10. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: Please give a break down of funding for roads throughout the Municipal District since May 2014, including percentages of increases.

Reply: The breakdown of funding for roads in the South and West Kerry MD since 2014 is detailed in the table below:

	National Roads - including Major Schemes	Regional / Local Roads	Total Roads Funding	Notes
2014	€6,234,491	€8,702,101	€14,936,592	
2015	€4,126,529	€7,307,871	€11,434,400	

2016	€8,419,399	€8,299,561	€16,718,960	
2017	€12,747,594	€7,391,865	€20,139,460	
2018	€14,318,209	€9,402,619	€23,720,828	This is a 59% increase in funding from 2014 to 2019 (inclusive of major works).

11.Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask KCC and the TII to explain why there is no lighting on a section between the Bleachfield restaurant and the graveyard on the N70 Milltown as this is dangerous to both motorists and cyclists and may result in a serious accident.

Reply: The Council is currently in discussions with Transport Infrastructure Ireland about the introduction of public lighting on this section of the N70. It is hoped that funding can be secured to carry out these works this year.

Cllr. M. O' Shea welcomed the response.

12. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask the TII & Kerry County Council are there plans afoot in creating a new carriageway i.e N70 between Tralee and Killorglin and give details.

Reply: The Council recognises the importance of providing high quality road infrastructure between Tralee and Killorglin and have already secured funding to upgrade sections of this key link. In consultation with the Transport Infrastructure Ireland, plans are in place to carry out further improvements between Castlemaine and Killorglin. The section between Castlemaine and Tralee will be appraised further in consultation with the TII to identify improvements which will reduce journey times and improve safety on this section through the roll-out of further schemes in future years.

Cllr. M. O' Shea noted the response and said that he would have concerns that a bypass of Milltown and Castlemaine would be constructed and asked that discussions would be held with the residents of both areas before any construction commences.

13. Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask that Kerry County Council reconstruct all the footpaths in Goat Street Dingle in view of the new link road.

REPLY: The Council has reconstructed a number of sections of footpath on Goat Street this year. However, there is insufficient funding available in the current Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan to reconstruct all of the footpaths on the street.

14. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That this council would resurface the road to Bolus Head Ballinskeilligs.

REPLY: This Local Tertiary Road L-11523 in Bolus, Ballinskeilligs is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism, and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme for 2019 to 2021 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the Local Road Network. However, this road would be suitable for funding through a Community Involvement Scheme.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that there is a very busy tourist route and a Community Involvement Scheme would not be suitable for this road. He asked that the council would maintain the road.

15. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That KCC would put a light outside (Details with Directorate, Ballinskeilligs), the proper light pole is there and wired just to put on the light.

REPLY: This location is within the buffer zone of the Dark Sky Reserve. There is a distance of 62 metres between the requested location and the next public light and to comply with regulations an additional public light midway would be required. The provision of these lights would be suitable for a CSMDOF allocation and a cost estimate will be prepared upon request. The existing ESB overload network cable will have to be altered to allow for the additional lighting to be installed and this will be reflected in the cost estimate.

16. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That KCC apply for a traffic safety scheme for Cahir School Kenmare.

Reply: The County of Kerry Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2018 provide for a speed limit of 50 km/h at this school. Extensive signing and lining measures have been put in place on the approach to this school over the past number of years. It is also proposed to install digital speed indicator signs within the next two weeks which have been funded through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund. These measures combined with the reduced speed limit should be effective in reducing the speed of traffic passing the school.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the response.

In a response to a query by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae, Mr. P. Teahan explained that the school may apply for CLÁR funding for safety works within the school.

17. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That KCC repair the slip on the Leap Road, Bonane.

Reply: This matter is being investigated by the Council.

Mr. K O' Halloran confirmed that there is no immediate danger and the road will be investigated, however in the interim, the council will continue to monitor the slip.

Cllr. D. McCarthy: To ask Kerry County for an update on the footpath to Cill Mhuire.

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

In a response to a query from Cllr. D. McCarthy regarding funding for this footpath, Mr. P. Teahan confirmed that an expression of interest for the works can be submitted under the Town and Village Renewal Plan.

25.01.19.06 Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business

(a) Notices of Motion

1.Cllr. M. Cahill: That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Health Simon Harris to make a genuine effort to address waiting lists such as Cataracts where patients continue to go blind while they wait be carried out at University Hospital Kerry under the National Treatment Purchase Fund and allow all other straight forward procedures covered under this Scheme such as Hip and Knee replacements, etc be carried out in our county's main Hospital. It is absolutely ridiculous that Patients have to travel to Belfast for important basic procedure's that can be carried out here in Kerry.

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

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that Kerry University Hospital should be able to carry out the Cataract procedure and proposed that the resolution would issue to the Minister.

Cllr. D. Quigg seconded the proposal.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that the notice of motion is very valid and where it is unfortunate that people have to travel to Northern Ireland to have the procedure done, it is a very good service. The machine in Northern Ireland is working seven days a week where as in Cork it is only operating a few days a week.

2.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we call on Minister Paschal O'Donoghue to meet urgently with representatives of the country's CE Scheme Supervisors with a view to finally and fully implementing the Labour Court Recommendations in their pension issues.

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

Cllr. N. Moriarty proposed that the resolution would forward to Minister Pascal O' Donoghue. The matter is ongoing to for a considerable amount of time.

It was unanimously agreed to forward the resolution to Minister for Finance & Expenditure Mr. Pascal O' Donoghue.

3.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we liaise with Bus Éireann to progress the provision of a Bus Shelter at the most appropriate location in Kenmare.

Reply: This Municipal District will write to Bus Éireann asking them to consider the provision of a Bus Shelter in Kenmare.

Cllr. N. Moriarty proposed that the resolution would issue to Bus Éireann.

Cllr. D. McCarthy seconded the proposal and asked that this council would also request that Bus Éireann would consider providing two bus stops within the Town Centre.

4.Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we agree to do all possible to formally establish a Right of Way guaranteeing access to the public to Dromore Wood via the entrance adjacent to the Gate Lodge at Dromore Castle, Templenoe. This is the entrance that affords greatest accessibility and has been long used by all amenity walkers etc.

Reply: The Council will investigate if it is feasible to establish a public right of way to Dromore Wood at the location indicated. However, this may well be a matter that the Kerry Way Committee are best placed to deal with.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the response and said it is important that universal access is granted to facilitate people with mobility issues.

5. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald: Will Kerry County Council write to Southdoc and to the HSE to highlight the concerns that resident GP's have in providing adequate cover for their patients in the Dingle Peninsula during out of hours and at weekends? Minister Charlie Flanagan who has a responsibility for the issuing of visas for Doctors who wish to come here should be asked to provide an extension to their visa stay.

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

It was unanimously agreed to forward the resolution to the HSE and Minister Charlie Flanagan.

6. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we make contact with ESB seeking information and assurances on the following; a. How many unscheduled outages have there been in the area in the past twelve months and how many planned outages? B. What plans are in place to reduce and eliminate the unplanned outages (Excluding those that are weather related) C. Will the ESB be putting in place measures to contribute by way of rebates or refunds losses endured by customers as a result of damage caused to machinery/equipment by these overly frequent outages?

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

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that firstly she wished to commend the ESB on thier incredible work and assistance during Storm Hannah. However it has come to her attention that there has been a number of unscheduled outages which is causing havoc for people using equipment and machinery in the area. She proposed that the resolution would issue to the ESB requesting them to explain the outages.

Cllr. D. McCarthy seconded the proposal.

7. Cllr. N. Moriarty: That we write to the HSE and Minister for Disability, Minister Finian McGrath in support of the funding of a respite centre at Cunamh House in Caherciveen which will serve the families and service users of the whole county and help towards providing a

broader service for all. Currently we only have a North Kerry based respite service with a very long waiting time for those families and clients who need to avail of respite care.

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

Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that South Kerry is very fortunate to have the structure and proposed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Disability Minister Finian McGrath.

Cllr. D. Quigg seconded the proposal and stated that the current situation is deplorable. There is currently 126 people waiting to avail of the service in Listowel. It is critical that South Kerry has its own purpose built respite Centre for Mid-South Kerry.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn wished to support the notice of motion and said that this is a very important issue for the last number of years. The head office in Dublin don't realise the distance between Valentia Island and Listowel.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae also wished to concur with the comments of the previous speakers and said that Cunamh House is very valuable to the area and the intervention of the Minister is required to get the process in place.

8.Cllr. N. Moriarty: Can we please write to Irish Lights and all relevant parties to get an update on the long over-due Guide Lights at Derrynane Harbour and a date for their installation?

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

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to Irish Lights.

9. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen: That a leaflet and web page are put in place with information that can assist people wishing to work from their homes or in digital hubs/co-working spaces.

Reply: Kerry County Council has produced the Invest in Kerry brochure which showcases the various digital hubs including the Tom Crean Centre, Killarney Technology Innovation Centre, RDI Hub, Dingle Creativity and Innovation Hub. Kerry County Council has a dedicated section on the Kerry County Council website which showcases the digital Hubs/co-working spaces within the county with direct linkages to the Digital hubs/co-working spaces websites. Kerry County Council's Economic Development Unit and the Local Enterprise Office actively promotes remote working in the County through various channels including print media, social media and diaspora linkages.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the response but stated that broadband is still an issue. This is something that Ian Dempsey of Pro-Science highlighted, could be a life line in attracting people to live and work in Caherciveen.

10.Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask the CEO of KCC to make immediate contact & hold an emergency meeting with Eir in view of the shambolic national broadband rollout as many areas in the county of Kerry are left without fibre optic services and the issue of the overall costing to 500 million initially and heading now to over 3 billion over run.

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

Cllr. M OqShea expressed concerns regarding the excessive cost of the national broadband rollout and stated that there are areas within the county which don't have this service. It is a necessity for people working from home and students.

It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to EIR.

11.Cllr. M. O' Shea: To ask the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government that the recent behaviours of the government and the mischievous input of local senior politicians with their interference of a change of boundaries and the focusing in on the removal of sitting councillors by carving up their areas should never again be allowed happen as this is undemocratic

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

Cllr. M. O' Shea expressed complete dissatisfaction with the recent boundary changes and described it as a gerrymandering. He asked that in the future members should have an input in the boundary changes within the county.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn wished to support the notice of motion. Constituents of the Castlemaine / Ballyfinnane area will not be familiar with the candidates. The Electoral Area was always known as Killorglin and asked that they would consider renaming it to the Iveragh LEA.

Cllr. D. Quigg wished to concur with the comments of the previous speakers.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen stated that he made a submission asking that the LEA would be named the South Kerry LEA. It is only reverting back to the way it was before the establishment of the Municipal Districts. Many people would argue that the area was too big geographically.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae also wished to express disappointment with the boundary changes. The MD has only been in place for one council term and should have been left unchanged.

12. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae: That KCC give an update on the purchase of Ceann Meara site, Kenmare.

Reply: Kerry County Council has been interested in acquiring the Ceann Mhara site for some time and was successful in securing a grant under the Rural Regeneration Scheme to assist in the purchase of the site. A proposed plan for the site was developed in collaboration with Kenmare Marketing and Events Group and other stakeholders.

This site was recently put on the market through a best bids process. The Council made a bid for the property but unfortunately the MD Manager was advised on April 23rd by email that the bid was unsuccessful.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae firstly thanked Mr. P. Teahan and Ms. S. Griffin on their input into this matter and said that no blame is reflected on them. However, he expressed disappointment with the outcome and stated that the property has been for sale for years. Kerry County Council received funding of €272,000 and an additional €30,000 was available from KMEG, but understood that Kerry County Council didn't make a sufficient bid. It is an opportunity lost and on behalf of all the members he expressed disappointment. The understanding was that more funding would become available and that the market value of the site was in the region of €350,000.

Cllr. D. McCarthy wished to concur with the comments expressed by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae and said that it was very disappointing.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen stated that it was hugely disappointing that the council didn't go the extra mile for the purchase of the site.

In response Mr. J. Breen stated that the views of the members will be taken on board. The council can only bid in the manner that they were invited to do so, which was a closed bidding process.

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

(d) Approval for the reception of Deputations

(1) On the Proposal of Cllr. N. Moriarty and Seconded by Cllr. J. F. Flynn, it was agreed that a deputation from the residents and business owners at Ohermong-Creamery Cross Caherciveen would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(e) Any Other Business

Coonanna Pier

Cllr. D. McCarthy referred to a recently published article regarding funding for Coonanna Pier. He stated that the area is very unsightly and asked that it would be cleaned up.

In response Mr. P. Teahan stated that the article is referring to more extensive funds.

Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty took the opportunity to thank the executive of Kerry County Council, the volunteers and the media for their assistance and support over the last five years. She wished her colleagues well in the upcoming local elections.

Mr. J. Breen stated that on behalf of the executive he wished to concur with comments of the Cathaoirleach and wished all the candidates well in the upcoming local election.

(g) Date for next Municipal District Meeting

Special Meeting West Iveragh Local Area Plan

Following the withdrawal of the following Item from the agenda of this meeting, on the proposal of Cllr. D. Quigg and seconded by Cllr. N. Moriarty it was agreed to hold a special meeting of

the Municipal District of South & West Kerry on Thursday 09th May commencing at 10.30a.m. to consider the following

(a) The Chief Executives Report on submissions/observations received in relation to the Draft West Iveragh Local Area Plan 2019 - 2025

(b) The adoption of the West Iveragh Local Area Plan 2019 . 2025.

The meeting concluded at 1.05p.m.

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