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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, THURSDAY 24th MAY, 2018**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THIAM AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I LÁRIONAD SEIRBHÍSÍ CHILL ORGLAN, CHILL ORGLAN AR AN DÉARDAOINE 24Ú MEITHEAMH 2018.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

<b>Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen</b>	<b>Cllr. N. Moriarty</b>
<b>Cllr M. Cahill</b>	<b>Cllr. J. F. Flynn</b>
<b>Cllr. D. Quigg</b>	<b>Cllr. J. Healy-Rae</b>
<b>Cllr. S. Fitzgerald</b>	<b>Cllr. D. McCarthy</b>
<b>Cllr. M O' Shea</b>	

**Absent**

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen  
Cllr. M. O' Shea**

**IN ATTENDANCE/I LÁTHAIR**

<b>Mr. M. O' Donoghue</b>	<b>Delegated Executive for South and West Kerry MD</b>
<b>Mr. P. Teahan</b>	<b>Municipal District Engineer</b>
<b>Ms. B. Conway</b>	<b>Meetings Administrator</b>
<b>Mr. B. Hickey</b>	<b>EE Killorglin</b>
<b>Mr. M Kelliher</b>	<b>EE Caherciveen</b>
<b>Mr. C. Nagle</b>	<b>EE Dingle</b>
<b>Mr. C Mangan</b>	<b>S.E.E Water Services</b>
<b>Mr. C O' Leary</b>	<b>E.E. Water Services</b>
<b>Mr. C. Slattery</b>	<b>S.S.O. Housing</b>
<b>Ms. C. Fitzgerald</b>	<b>A.S.O Corporate Affairs</b>

The meeting commenced at 10.26a.m.

Cathaoirleach Cllr. S Fitzgerald took the chair.

**24.05.18.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes**

(a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr J. F. Flynn & SECONDED by Cllr. J. F Flynn it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 be confirmed.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald gave apologies on behalf of both Cllr. M O'Shea and Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen who were unable to attend the meeting and agreed to move both their Notices of Motion and Questions.

(b) Reception of Deputations

(a) Deputation from Killorglin Access 4 All.

Re: Accessibility in Killorglin.

**Requested by Cllr. D. Quigg.**

The Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald 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 introduced herself and proceeded to read the following into the record of the meeting.

Access for Killorglin is a new committee comprising of people who have a special interest in improving the overall accessibility of the town for everyone.

We represent my son who uses a wheelchair, a mother pushing a buggy, your elderly mother or father trying to get to the post office, a child or young person coming to school in Killorglin, an employee making their way into Killorglin to go to work, a friend who is visually impaired.

Everybody coming and going to Killorglin every day.

We are a very active group that has hit the ground running and we are continuing to collect information from people locally and visiting and researching global standards in order to improve our town for those who live here, visit here and have businesses in the town.

We are aware that there are huge projects in the pipeline from the Digital Hubs to the promotion of Killorglin as a gateway to the McGillycuddy Reeks. Our group know that we have invaluable expertise to offer from both a personal and business background. Therefore, our request to you today is that we be included and have input into in all projects that are in the strategy for development of the town. This will make each project a success for everyone who has a vested interest in improving Killorglin for its residents and those who want to visit and spend money in the town.

This is a preliminary introduction to Access for All Killorglin. In the last few months we have researched and collected information and data relevant to the issue that need to be addressed over time. we want to develop a partnership with you for the future of Killorglin. We are aware that there are new EU directives that dictate that all projects, budgets and spend meet the criteria of all aspects of accessibility to the highest standards, however we have found from our study in Killorglin that standards are below par in many places. We acknowledge that there has been good work carried out and that there have been improvements in many areas of the town but right now taking into consideration the amount of people that come into the town every morning for work or school or to attend services, appointments or shop in Killorglin is not fit for purpose. We have much information for people coming to Killorglin every day and the challenges they face whether they will be able bodied or people with some disability that makes being in Killorglin both trying and dangerous.

For most of you in the room, you leave your house every day and get into your car or on your bike and head off to your work. After sitting in the traffic and driving along you will reach your destination hopefully dry and on time. I am accompanied her today by my friend *Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*

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works in Tralee and lives in the town, *Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*

would you mind sharing with us your trip to the bus stops in the mornings to get to the bus to Tralee. I would ask you to close your eyes for this and walk with *Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request* to the Bus stop.

The second spokesperson *Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) introduced both herself and her guide dog Kathy to the meeting. She requested that all present would call their eyes while she described her journey every morning from her home to the bus stop in Killorglin. She stated that her journey can be very lengthy as she has to cross in places where there is no pedestrian crossings and other areas, no footpath. She did however acknowledge the presence of pedestrian crossing and tactile pavement on her journey which allows her to cross the road with greater ease. She highlighted the ongoing issue of people parking illegally at the bus stop which she stated can be very dangerous. She called on the members to make representations to introduce small changes to make accessibility more safe.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald complimented the deputation on their presentation and in particular how effective it had been to close his eyes while she described her journey to work as it made him realise how difficult the journey can be.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the deputation and thanked them for a very detailed and informative presentation. He stated that a design plan is required for not only Killorglin but for all towns in the county. He acknowledged that a pilot scheme is currently been undertaken in Killarney and stressed that the same number of tourists are visiting both Killarney and Killorglin. He welcomed the disability legislation been introduced by T.I.I. but stated that additional provisions are required. He said that it has been recently brought to his attention that there are no disabled changing facilities for adults in Killorglin town and called on Kerry County Council to introduce additional measures such as the introduction of a hoist in public toilets. He acknowledged the ongoing work of the area engineer which he stated must be commended given the budget available to him. He said he believed that funding for this project should be made available from the Tourism Directorate and suggested that the council would apply for funding under the E.U. Flag Funding.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and wished to acknowledge the excellent work been carried out by the Killorglin Access for All committee. He stated that he had previously raised this matter as a notice of motion and is hopeful that Killorglin will be the next town to be piloted for the Universal Access scheme following Killarney. He too wanted to be associated with the comments expressed by Cllr. D. Quigg and stated that both the Killorglin Area Engineer and Municipal District Engineer have done an exceptional job having regard to the budget available to them. He stated that both a designated playground and walkway is required in the area for children with disabilities and requested that the deputation would be consulted as part of all future management plans for the town

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and wished to be associated with the previous comments expressed by the previous speakers. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the deputation and stated that the exercise here today outlines how vulnerable a person can be. She stated that all future developments should have Universal Access incorporated into their plans. She offered the deputation her full support.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and commenced them on an excellent presentation. He referred to the issues at the bus stop and said he believed that further

measures will have to be introduced such as electronic bollards to rectify the situation and undertook to allocate towards the works through his CSMDOF if required. He asked that all bushes and hedging would be cut back at junctions in the town.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald wishes to concur with the comments expressed by the previous speakers.

Mr. M OqDonoghue welcomed the deputation and stated that the establishment of the committee is welcomed. He stated that Kerry County Council is currently preparing an Age Friendly Strategy for the county. Kerry County Council employs an Access Officer who the public can contact if they require specific support when accessing services. He suggested that the group would register with the PPN Public Publication Network which will allow the committee can have a voice in issues that may concern them. In reference to the ongoing parking issues at the bus stop he stated that the council will work with the local community and An Gardaí Siochana to find a solution. The biggest issue is the policing of the bus stop. In conclusion Mr. M OqDonoghue offered the deputation his full support and stated that the council will look forward to working with the group.

Mr. P. Teahan introduced himself and welcomed the deputation to the meeting. He stated that the N70 is in the remit of T.I.I. and a substantial overlay scheme of the Iveragh road was carried out in 2014. He referred to the road overlay works from Mill Road to Astellas and advised the deputation that accessibility features will be built in as part of the scheme. The overlay scheme which is costing " 2.5m is due to commence in September, the initial pipe replacement works on this scheme has already commenced. In addition, he stated that the pedestrian crossing will be upgraded to access Laune View Estate. These works are required to be in compliance with National Design Standards.

Mr. P. Teahan replied that it is very conspicuous that this is a bus stop. The engineering solution would be very expensive and stated the council will continue with enforcement which will in time encourage driver behaviour to change  
In conclusion, the second spokesperson suggested that clamping would be introduced in the town.

(b) Deputation from the Valentia Island Committee.

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

**Requested by Cllr. S. Fitzgerald**

The Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald 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*) thanked the Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald for inviting them to the meeting. He proceeded to make a presentation to the meeting on the following.

- “ **Restore Valentia’s place in the Global history of communications**
  - “ **Attract a minimum of 20,000 extra visitors to Valentia and South Kerry**
  - “ **Spin off from the above will extend the tourist season dramatically**
  - “ **Create full time permanent jobs in the South Kerry area**
- Convert the second floor of the Cable Station to a digital hub**

## **What Is A World Heritage Site**

A **World Heritage Site** is a landmark or area which is selected by the [United Nations](#) Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization ([UNESCO](#)) **as having cultural<sup>[1]</sup>, historical, scientific or other form of significance, and is legally protected by international treaties.** The sites are judged important to the collective interests of humanity.

## UNESCO PROCESS

We are Here



To be even considered for UNESCO WH Designation, the site:

- “ Must be of **Outstanding Universal Value** (OUV)
- “ Have **Integrity and Authenticity**
- “ Must be in top 1% of heritage sites worldwide

*In May 2016, the Valentia Transatlantic Cable Foundation Board was established with the objective of the **raising and application of money and other resources to advance the scientific heritage of, and community development on, Valentia Island and to promote Valentia Island as a site which should be included on UNESCO’s World Heritage List*** “

Do We Have A Case?

- Two research papers were completed by an international UNESCO expert, Professor Alexander Gillespie from the University of Waikatu in New Zealand.

*The significance of what happened on Valentia Island, as evidenced by its associated and remaining features, gives it a strong chance of becoming a World Heritage site due to its **Outstanding Universal Value**. If World Heritage status is achieved, this rural island will have its rich contributions to Industrial world heritage preserved and celebrated for future generations* “

The spokesperson stated that this project has gained significant momentum and believed it's the next big factory for South Kerry. He took the opportunity to thank Ms. Moira Murrell C.E.

Kerry County Council for her support. The next stage of this project is to get on the Tentative list.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald welcomed the deputation and commended them on a very informative presentation. He said that this is a huge project for South Kerry and it is imperative that the site adjacent to the hotel is protected.

Cllr. N Moriarty welcomed the deputation and assured the deputation of her full support. This is more than a tourist attraction which will attract sustainable employment to the area. In conjunction with the development of the South Kerry Greenway, this will allow people to have a high standard of living in South Kerry.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and complemented them on a very informative presentation. He assured the deputation of his full support. He stated that the immediate goal is to get the project on the Tentative list. He requested Kerry County Council's support for this project.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and wished to echo the sentiments of the previous speakers. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation and stated that this project has everything both tourism and employment. He said he believed that the development of the factory is the most important aspect of this project which will prove to be crucial in the future. He offered the deputation his full support.

Cllr. D. Quigg welcomed the deputation and offered them his full support. He suggested that the deputation should reach out to the Diaspora for support and assistance.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue welcomed the deputation and stated that it was very important that all the elected members are familiar with the project. He complimented the deputation on their efforts to date and stated that it is very evident that the committee is very committed to this project. He acknowledged that work is ongoing between the Tourism Unit of Kerry County Council and the committee and reiterated the support of the C.E. Ms. M Murrell and the Council.

Mr. D. Ginty stated that the significant geographical size of the South & West Municipal District presented challenges in relation to the preparation of a Local Area Plan for the entire MD. In addition there were two strategies by allied state agencies that have been prepared or are near completion namely the:

- Fáilte Ireland Skellig Coast Visitor Experience Development Plan and
- Uibhrathaig Task Force Action Plan covering the Gaeltacht area and supporting urban structure including Caherciveen.

There is an urgent need to prepare an LAP in relation to the geographical areas covered by these two strategies to support the implementation of these plans to protect supporting infrastructure and to support funding applications. Having regard to the need to support these strategies and the geographical size of the S&W MD, Mr. Ginty stated that it was the intention of the planning Department to break the SW MD into 2/3 areas for the purposes of Local Area Plans beginning with the West Iveragh Area.

The West Iveragh Local Area Plan will include the settlements of Kells, Caherciveen, Valentina Portmagee, Ballinskelligs, Waterville, Caherdaniel and Derrynane. It is the intention of the

council to revert to the members in Quarter 3 of this year with a Draft Local Area Plan for consideration.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald welcomed the news.

The second spokesperson welcomed the comments and stated that this project will ensure employment all year round for the hotel and mostly importantly it will allow the youth of this area to remain living in Valentia.

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

1. To consider the Manager's Report and Recommendation, in accordance with Section 179 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017, for works to the N70 Over-bridge (Structure ID KY-N70-029.00) at Coolnaharrighill Upper and Coolnaharrighill Lower, Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry

Mr. T. Sheehy went through the report and briefed the members on the report, which was circulated to them in advance of the meeting. He stated that it should be noted that this is a stand-alone project irrespective of the construction of the proposed South Kerry Greenway and would have been done on its own merit.

Mr. M OqDonoghue stated that the proposed works will have a significant benefit to everyday traffic on this road.

On the proposal of Cllr. D. Quigg and Seconded by Cllr. M. Cahill it was agreed to approve the Manager's Report and Recommendation, in accordance with Section 179 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017, for works to the N70 Over-bridge (Structure ID KY-N70-029.00) at Coolnaharrighill Upper and Coolnaharrighill Lower, Glenbeigh, Co. Kerry.

2. To consider the Managers Report & Recommendations in accordance with section 179 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 for works to construct 14 no Residential Development, Services, Access road and associated site works at Ardmoneel, Killorglin. Co. Kerry.

Mr. M. OqDonoghue went through the report and briefed the members on the report which was circulated to them in advance of the meeting.

Cllr. J. F. Flynn asked when does the council expect the works to commence.

Mr. T. Sheehy replied that the works are due to commence in November of this year.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the report and agreed to move the following notice of motion. He referred to the reply and asked will the council construct additional single rural dwellings as part of the construction program as this will support rural communities and schools..

**2. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** *How many single rural dwellings will be built this year and how many were built last year in this Municipal District.*

**Reply :**

*Planning Approval has been granted in October 2017 for construction of 5 No. Single Rural Dwellings. Two will commence construction in June/ July (Tullig Beg & Meanus, Killorglin) and other three will be published in 2018:*

- 4 bedroom Single Rural Dwelling at Owenagarry Killorglin*
- 3 bedroom Single Rural Dwelling at Drom West, Glenbeigh*
- 4 bedroom Single Rural Dwelling at Ballinakilla Lower, Glenbeigh*

Mr. T. Sheehy replied that a work programme has been completed until 2021. The construction of a single rural dwelling is resource intensive and can involve the same level of work as a scheme of ten houses. He confirmed that currently there is no proposal to extend the scheme.

On the Proposal of Cllr. J. F Flynn and Seconded by Cllr. M. Cahill it was agreed to approve the Managers Report & Recommendations in accordance with section 179 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 for works to construct 14 no Residential Development, Services, Access road and associated site works at Ardmoneel, Killorglin. Co. Kerry.

**(c)** To approve the official naming of the bridge on the L3024 at Rosseightragh, Kilgarvan as Morley's Bridge.

On the proposal of Cllr. J. Healy-Rae and Seconded by Cllr. D. McCarthy it was approved the official naming of the bridge on the L3024 at Rosseightragh, Kilgarvan as Morley's Bridge.

**(a) 24.05.18.02 To note update report from Economic and Community Development Directorate**

It was agreed to note the following report.

**BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)**

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Work continues with strong engagement in the South & West Municipal District. A Start Your Own Business Programme commenced on 9<sup>th</sup> May with full participation and numbers. Kerry County Council supported Farming along the Wild Atlantic Way and the Economic Development Unit/LEO supported the initial workshop with good feedback. Killorglin Community College won a Social Media Award with a project developed by Timothy McGrath at the National Student Enterprise Awards. The office continues to engage closely with the Uí Raghaigh taskforce in the development and implementation of actions including the delivery of a business clinic in South Kerry.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UNIT (EDU)**

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**Business Leaders Conference**

A business leaders conference was held in Ballyseede hotel on Monday on 23rd April. Representatives from all the major companies in the county attended. Items considered included the National Planning Framework, Regional Spatial & Economic Strategies, Skills development in the county, Kerry Scitech and the marketing of Kerry, Regional Airport Strategy, Connectivity into the county, Business, tourism and chamber clusters to highlight the needs of individual sectors in the County. The conference was considered worthwhile and it was agreed to that the event should be held twice yearly with detailed actions being developed over time.

## **Regional Enterprise Development Fund**

Minister Heather Humphreys TD, launched The Enterprise Ireland Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF) 2<sup>nd</sup> call on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. This competitive funding has been provided by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, through Enterprise Ireland and is a key action to support the Regional Action Plan for Jobs and the Action Plan for Rural Development. The Fund is aimed at accelerating economic recovery in every part of the country by delivering on the potential of local and regional enterprise strengths. The Fund will support significant collaborative regional initiatives to build on specific industry sectoral strengths and improve enterprise capability, thereby driving job creation.

Under a competitive process, Enterprise Ireland is now seeking applications for funding under four streams with varying investment levels:-

- Stream 1 - Major Change Projects - " 2m up to " 5m per project,
- Stream 2 - Regionally Significant Projects - " 250,000 up to " 2m per project,
- Stream 3 - Local & Community Enterprise Development Projects - " 50,000 up to " 250,000 per project,
- Stream 4 - Industry Clusters - " 50,000 up to " 250,000 per project.

Full details of the scheme are available on the Enterprise Ireland Website

[www.enterprise-ireland.com/REDF](http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/REDF)

## **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT**

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### **Fáilte Ireland Welcome Standards Seminar**

Increased innovation in tourism accommodation businesses has led to demand from both visitors and operators for a new tourism accommodation standard. A new Welcome Standard has been developed by Fáilte Ireland which is designed to recognise and encompass accommodation businesses of all types that are committed to tourism and is targeted at atypical tourist businesses with accommodation such as glamping, pods, pubs, AirBnB, activity centres and restaurants. Fáilte Ireland in conjunction with the Tourism Unit of Kerry County Council recently held a community seminar in the Killorglin Area Services Centre to explain the new standard which is designed for businesses that currently can not be approved under the existing quality assurance framework. Fáilte Ireland personnel explained the guidelines, the application process and the benefits to businesses and a number of local tourist providers attended the event.

## **COMMUNITY**

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### **General Enquiries**

There has been an escalation in the level of enquiries in recent months in relation to advice on funding, local events, signage and other matters.

### **CLÁR**

There was a lot of interest in the CLAR programme. Not all enquiries resulted in applications. Despite the publicity a number of late applications were received. Please see below the list forwarded to the Department from Kerry Co Co.

CLAR 2018		
Measure 1: Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures		
Measure 2: Schools for Play Areas(Including MUGA's)		
Assessed by Niamh O' Sullivan, Vincent Foley and MD Officers 19th April 2018		
<u>Measure 1</u>		
Applicant	Total Project Cost	Type of Intervention
Caherdaniel NS, Caherdaniel	" 50,000.00	1.) Purchase and replacement of Flashing Amber Safety Lights 2.) Upgrade road markings on approach roads to school/community facilities 3.) Purchase of child safety signs 4.) Purchase of digital speeded safety signs, indicating that cars are entering a particular zone
St. Finian's NS, Waterville	" 37,000.00	1.) Purchase and replacement of Flashing Amber Safety Lights 2.) Construction and upgrading of access footpaths next to school or community facilities
Aghatubrid NS, Cahersiveen	" 17,000.00	1.) Purchase of child safety signs 2.) Purchase and replacement of Flashing Amber Safety Lights 3.) Purchase of digital speeded safety signs, indicating that cars are entering a particular zone 4.) Upgrade road markings on approach roads to schools
Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh	" 10,000.00	Construction and upgrading of access footpaths next to school or community facilities
<u>Measure 2</u>		
Applicant	Total Project Cost	Type of Intervention
Fybough NS	" 50,569.00	1.) Upgrading basketball court 2.) Purchase and erection of a handball wall in school hall
Boheshill NS, Glencar	" 50,000.00	Install playground and astro-turf pitch
Cullina NS, Beaufort	" 32,886.63	Development of a playground for the village

## Tidy Towns Plans

This project is the joint LEADER/SKDP and KCC project to support the facilitation and preparation of Tidy Towns Plans. The Consultant has commenced work on this project and contact has been made with a number of groups. As previously communicated the following groups are taking part and there is still some scope for others to join; Lauragh, Sneem, Milltown, Caherdaniel, Chapeltown, Beaufort, Glenbeigh, Kilgarvan, Knightstown, Portmagee, Annascaul, Cahersiveen, Kenmare, Killorglin, Cromane.

## Town and Village Renewal Scheme

The 2018 Scheme has now been announced and groups have been invited to submit Expressions of Interest by the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

Work is still ongoing on the 2017 Scheme. The Reeks Project was launched on May 4<sup>th</sup> by Minister Brendan Griffin. This project's focus was to brand and market Killorglin and the mid Kerry area as an Adventure Gateway and the access to the McGillycuddy Reeks - make it discoverable on sites such as TripAdvisor and Google Trips. As part of the initiative it was agreed to train local providers on the local product.

Work is still ongoing with Milltown Community & Chamber Alliance to progress the refurbishment of the Muintir na Tíre Hall into a centre for the performing arts, a youth space and the construction of publicly accessible toilets. Much progress has now been made on the project in Kenmare.

## Community Support Fund 2017 and 2018

Anthony Taggart is continuing to process the Community Support Fund payments. A number of groups (27 in total) remain to be paid for the 2017 Community Support Fund and these groups are being contacted with a view to closing these files. The 81 projects approved under the 2018 Scheme have all been sent Letters of Offer and follow up with these groups has commenced. It

is proposed to hold meetings regarding the administration requirements with the groups at local level to solve the difficulties that groups are having and to ease the payment process.

**Cromane FLAG project**

The Cromane Socio Economic Plan funded by FLAG has been completed and launch by Minister Brendan Griffin on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This has been a great community effort by the local community and Community Council.

**Outdoor Recreation Funding**

Work is continuing to progress the two successful Measure 2 Grants under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure fund announced on January 8th last.

The following two projects were approved for Kerry:

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

**LEADER and SKDP**

The MD Officer is the Kerry Co Co nominee on the LEADER evaluation committee. This work is ongoing, and a further Evaluation meeting was held on May 9<sup>th</sup> 2018. This is the third Evaluation meeting in 2018.

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

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

<b>April/May</b>	<p><b>Launch of €38 million SICAP 2018-22 programme</b></p> <p><b>Launch of 2018 Town &amp; Village Renewal Scheme</b></p> <p><b>Launch of 2018 Rural Recreation scheme</b></p> <p>Closing date for receipt of CLAR applications</p>
<b>May</b>	<p><b>Launch of new RAPID/Communities Facilities Scheme</b></p> <p>Announcement of successful CLAR projects</p>
<b>June</b>	<p>Closing date for Town &amp; Village Renewal applications</p> <p>Closing date for Rural Recreation Scheme applications</p>
<b>July</b>	<p>Announcement of successful Town &amp; Village Scheme projects</p> <p>Announcement of successful Rural Recreation scheme projects</p>

**Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update**

There has been much progress on the Age Friendly Programme over the past two months. At local level, the Age Friendly Steering Group was convened and considered the draft strategy.

Terms of Reference were considered and circulated for comment. This group reports to the LCDC. At this meeting there was also agreement regarding the structure of the Older Peoples Council on an interim basis. Up to now the Programme has been working with existing active networks in the county. A meeting of the Older Peoples Council will take place in June. Presentations were made to the LCDC and Kerry Co Co.

At the Kerry County Council meeting, members were updated on progress, the draft strategy was adopted in principle and it was agreed to affiliate to the World Health Organisation.

All 31 Age Friendly Programmes are affiliating to the World Health Organisation.

The WHO Global Network for Age-friendly Cities and Communities was established in 2010 to connect cities, communities and organisations worldwide with the common vision of making their community a great place to grow old in.

Membership to the Network is not an accreditation for age-friendliness. Rather, it reflects a commitment to listen to the needs of their ageing population, assess and monitor their age-friendliness and work collaboratively with older people and across sectors to create age-friendly physical and social environments. Membership is also a commitment to share experience, achievements and lessons learnt with other cities and communities.

The process requires a number of elements and the Kerry Age Friendly Programme has succeeded in meeting the requirements of the Application Form.

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

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

It is intended that this will be presented to the July LCDC Meeting with a formal launch in September.

## **PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

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### **Conservation**

#### Built Heritage Investment Scheme 2018. (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) 2018. These grant offers must be met by at least 50% private match funding.

<b>Structure</b>	<b>Amount (€)</b>
Church of the Immaculate Conception, Valentia.	4,000
The Cable Station, Waterville.	3,500
Burnham House, Dingle.	4,000

#### Structures at Risk Fund 2018. (South and West MD)

The following provisional grant offers have been made to successful applicants for conservation grant funding under the Structures at Risk Fund (SRF) 2018. These grant offers must be met by at least 20% private match funding.

Structure	Amount (€)
Killiney Church, Castlegregory	15,000
Belleville House, Portmagee	7,000

## (b) Notice of Motion

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the Tourism Department take into consideration what the scenic fishing village of Cromane has to offer by strengthening and intensifying it's bid to Fáilte Ireland to have Cromane included in the "Wild Atlantic Way Route.

**Reply:** Failte Ireland have confirmed that later this year, they will be undertaking a full review of the Wild Atlantic Way Route and there is no doubt that the inclusion of Cromane would greatly benefit the village and surrounding areas. Kerry County Council has submitted this Council's request to the Wild Atlantic Way Team of Failte Ireland and have outlined the attributes of the area for inclusion.

**Cllr. M. Cahill acknowledged the reply.**

**Cllr. D. Quigg wished to support the notice of motion.**

**2. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** Can the WAW sign from the Caherdaniel side at Scarriff indicating the access road to Bunavalla Pier be replaced? It disappeared from its post several months ago and it is important that it be back in position asap given the start of the new tourist season.

**Reply:** This sign will be replaced as part of Transport Infrastructure Ireland's sign refurbishment contract within the next few weeks.

**Cllr. N. Moriarty welcomed the reply and requested that the works would be completed as soon as possible.**

**3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Given that Údarás na Gaeltachta have sanctioned " 30,000 a year for the next two years towards the employment of a development officer for the Dingle Way, will Kerry County Council liaise with the Údarás and examine what they can do to maximize its potential?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council welcomes this initiative by Udaras na Gaeltachta. The Dingle Way is a very important tourism asset to the county and there is no doubt it requires further investment and development. A Visitor Experience Development Plan is currently being developed for the Dingle Peninsula and the upgrading of the Dingle Way is one of the key actions included. The Tourism Unit are in discussions with Udaras na Gaeltachta regarding progress of same, as well as, progressing the actions in the Skellig Coast Visitor Experience Development Plan.

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald welcomed the response and stated that the Dingle Way requires a full time Development Officer.**

**Mr. M O' Donoghue replied that the council is very committed to this project and have been working in partnership with Údaras na Gaeltachta. He confirmed that the council has previously submitted funding applications for the Dingle Way.**

**4.Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council include the development and upgrade of foot paths and public lighting in Ceann Trá in this year? County application for the Village and Town Renewal Scheme?

**Reply:** In relation to the Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Expressions of Interest must be submitted by the potential project promoter. Application forms are available on the council's website and the closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday, May, 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All Expressions of Interest will be assessed based on the priorities as contained in the Scheme Outline. A maximum of 12 proposals will be selected for development into detailed applications, which will be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development for final approval.

Project proposals must include activities that will have clear positive economic impacts on the town or village making them more attractive places in which to live and work, and to increase their tourism potential. Successful proposals must demonstrate close collaboration between communities and business interests in the design and delivery of proposed projects and must have the support of the Local Authority. All projects should also outline the consultation process undertaken.

Projects will be required to commence in 2018 and be completed by the end of 2019. Up to 80% of the total cost of a project can be provided for any individual project. The minimum grant which is available is " 20,000 and the maximum is " 100,000.

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald acknowledged the reply.**

#### **(b) Questions**

**1.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and Irish Water immediately review Planning Development Levies for Roads/Amenities and Water and Sewerage connection charges in respect of new houses as the fees due on a standard 200 square metre house connected to the Public sewer now equates to " 14,000.

**Reply:** Kerry County Councils Development Contribution Scheme was adopted by the Council on the 25th of July 2017. The scheme as adopted reflects both the need to continue to provide a funding source as a contribution to critical infrastructure in Kerry, which facilitates both the economic and social development of the County, and which is pitched at a level that does not constitute a disincentive to development. The scheme as adopted also recognises the particular challenges facing the redevelopment of our town and village centres, the re-use of existing vacant and derelict properties and provides some relief in respect of the existing charges as they relate to change of use applications and the associated requirements for additional parking spaces that may result.

The development levies payable to Kerry County Council in respect of a 200m<sup>2</sup> dwelling are as follows:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Roads &amp;</b>	<b>Community and</b>	<b>Hub Town</b>	<b>Total (€)</b>
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	Transportation (€)	Amenity (€)	Levy (€)	
Tralee / Killarney	1,320	1,680	2,400	<b>5,400</b>
All other locations	1,320	1,680	NIL	<b>3,000</b>

Kerry County Council do not impose levies for water and sewerage. Connection charges / levies in relation to water and sewerage are a matter for Irish Water.

There are no plans at present to revise the scheme, which was only adopted last year.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that he submitted this notice of motion following representations from a constituent who stated that the cost of development fees between Kerry County Council and Irish Water had caused great financial difficulty for the family. He requested that the scheme would be reviewed.**

**In response Mr. M O' Donoghue stated that in 2017, Kerry County Council adopted a revised Development Contribution Scheme as requested by the members.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council put a specific Jobs Committee in place as a matter of priority so that every opportunity to bring Jobs to Kerry is identified and examined.

**Reply:** The Economic Development & Enterprise SPC is particularly charged with the economic development of the county including the development of employment opportunities by assisting existing companies in the county and attracting new investment into the county. A paper will be prepared by the SPC on a revised strategy for attracting international companies to Kerry and raised the issue of the need to promote the opportunities in the county and the quality of life with the aim of specifically attracting graduates in different age cohorts to come to work in Kerry. The Local Enterprise Office is a central focus of developing business in the county through the varied support it provides for new and existing businesses. Tomas Hayes at the recent May County Council Meeting outlined in detail the various grant and training, mentoring and other supports available to businesses.

In addition Kerry County Council has been a founding partner in the industry lead cluster Kerry SCITECH established both to attract skills talent to the county and also to market the county as an area to invest. This project which has recently appointed a programme manager will lead out with a series of initiatives over the coming months. Kerry County council also continues to work with the IDA and EI in promoting the county for additional investment.

**Cllr. M. Cahill acknowledged the reply and expressed disappointment with the efforts been undertaken by the IDA in promoting this county. He stressed the importance of attracting employment to the county.**

**3. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we do all possible to ascertain who the owners are of the (ghost) estate in Sneem as it is vital to the local community that they are secured and put into use as accommodation.

**Reply:** Ard an Óir is a privately owned unoccupied and unfinished Housing Estate in Sneem. The ownership of the property was transferred from NAMA to Oaktree plc in late 2016. We understand that the property is to be launched to the market in 2018. The Council have submitted a claim on the Bond for this Estate. The Council are most anxious to see issues with this estate resolved.

### **24.05.18.03 To note update report from Quality of Life – Water, Environment, Fire and Library Services Directorate**

It was agreed to note the following report.

#### **Environmental Protection**

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

#### **Spring Clean and County Clean Up Day**

1. The annual Spring Clean period takes place each year during April and May. Community contribution is critical to keeping Kerry litter free.
2. The 2018 Kerry County Clean Up day, facilitated by KWD Recycling, was held on Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

For the 2018 County Clean up Tim Murphy, Chairperson of Kerry GAA County Board, Pat Driscoll, Chairperson of Kerry IFA and Mike Teahan, Chairperson of Kerry ICMSA all kindly provided their public support to the event and invited participants in their respective organisations and communities to get involved.

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.

#### **2018 Anti-Dumping Initiative “Empowering People to Engage and Help the Environment”**

Kerry County Council has recently been allocated ” 57,000 from the 2018 Anti- Dumping Initiative. Projects to be included under the initiative include

- Two Bulky waste intake events
- Clean up of the River Lee Estuary
- Specialist covert camera surveillance
- Removal of illegally dumped waste from known dumping blackspots
- Provision of static camera surveillance at a number of known dumping blackspots.

#### **Lifeguard for Kells Beach**

Following notices of motion received from the South and West MD in 2017 requesting a life guard be provided in Kells beach a risk assessment was carried out during the year at the beach and it was advised that a lifeguard should attend at the beach during the bathing season. 3 Lifeguards will therefore man the beach during the 2018 bathing season.

## Fire Services

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

### Fire Safety and Prevention:

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

### Building Control:

- The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the end of April 2018 was 162 which is a:
  - 7.4% decrease on the figure of 175 for the same period last year.
- The building control section continues to process Disability Access Certificate applications and also Fire Safety Certificate applications. Up to the end of April 2018 a total of 33 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 42 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents a:
  - 10% increase Disability Access Certificate applications and
  - 16% decrease in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2017.

Building Control	January to April 2017	January to April 2018
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	50	42
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	30	33
Commencement Notices/7 day Notices Received	175	162

## Library Services

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

#### É Library Bealtaine celebration

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

Kerry Library has run a varied programme for many years and this year there are a no. of events taking place at libraries throughout the county again in 2018. Full details are on the library website [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie) [copy attached]

#### Kerry Library events programme

Full details at [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

**Caherciveen Library:**

Thursday, 26 April - Thursday, 24 May	Photographic Exhibition on the life of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty by Michael Herrmann & students. Exhibition is part of a photography project about Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty and Caherciveen.
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**Water Services**

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

Achoimre Stádais ar an 9ú Bealtaine 2018

Status Summary at 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Funding Priorities for Capital Projects**

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

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

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

**IRISH WATER'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

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

<b>TIONSCNAIMH SOLÁTHAR UISCE I gCIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAM WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Kenmare WSS</b>	The new " 2.8M water treatment plant, built by contractors Glan Agua Ltd at Lissyclearig Upper, is now fully operational. The plant is being operated and maintained by the Contractor for the initial year until February 2019.
<b>Mountain Stage WSS</b>	Contractor appointed to construct a new <b>Water Treatment Plant</b> ; 'advance archaeological and site clearance works are already underway
<b>Lauragh WTP</b>	Water quality of newly drilled well source is very good. Upgrade Works to the <b>Water Treatment Plant</b> will be done by Contract in 2018.

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

### IRISH WATER MINOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

This is a rolling programme of **Minor Improvement Works**. **Projects of value €7.1M have been completed in the South and West Kerry Municipal District since 2014** and the list of **current** projects in this area, for which Kerry County Council has applied, is outlined below

<b>MINOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREAS</b>			
Project	Description	Estimate	Status
<b>Portmagee WSS Knightstown</b>	Provision of Reservoir, 1830M rising Main and 650M distribution mains	" 275,000	Pipes laid and Site acquired; <b>Planning Application</b> to be submitted in <b>May</b>
<b>Cahersiveen Water Treatment Plant, Coulagh</b>	Provide standby Ozone <b>Coulagh WTP</b>	" 65,000	Underway by Contractor EPS
<b>Portmagee, Baile Mór and Dún Chaoin Water Treatment Plants</b>	Installation of larger Caustic Soda Storage tanks. ( <b>Baile Mór completed</b> )	" 30,000	Underway
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd</b>	Replace 820M of 300mm Trunk Main west of Gap Cross	" 230,000	Underway
<b>Dún Chaoin WSS</b>	Replace 850M of 110MM water main ( <b>560M done 2016</b> )	" 95,000	Underway
<b>*Mid Kerry RWSS Killorglin*</b>	<b>*Lay 660M of 160MM main Laune Bridge to Astellas</b>	" 161,000	<b>*Approved . to be commenced May 2018</b>
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Shannera Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.55Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 202,000	Approved . to be commenced <b>June 2018</b>
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Cappagh North Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.75Km of 100MM Killorglin	" 228,000	Approved Approved . <b>Summer 2018</b>
<b>Mountain Stage WSS Droum, Glenbeigh</b>	Replace 750M of 100MM	" 98,000	<b>Contractor MEIC Ltd – Summer 2018</b>
<b>Castlegregory WWTP</b>	Treatment Upgrade	" 300,000	Approved

<b>Baile an Fheirtéaraigh</b>	Upgrade Waste Water Plant	" 230,000	Approved
<b>An Daingean WSS</b>	Hospital Rd and Goat St; Replace 500M of 200MM main	" 45,000	Approved
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS Mains Board Of Works Rd</b>	Replace 2.78Km of 300MM Trunk Main to Gap Cross	" 780,000	Requested
<b>MKRWSS – Callinafercy</b>	Renew 7KM of 100/80MM main	" 1,235,000	Requested
<b>Total of <u>APPROVED</u> Works yet to be done:</b>		<b>€1,681,000</b>	

\*Funded by Transport Infrastructure Ireland

### **THE RURAL WATER PROGRAMME**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A meeting of the **County Rural Water Monitoring Committee** was held in Áras Chontae Tralee on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

**Mr. C. Mangan briefed the members on the Water Services report circulated to them in advance of the meeting and highlighted the following.**

#### **Mountain stage**

He referred to the work at Mountain stage and stated that a contractor has been appointed and works are underway.

#### **Pipe Replacement Works**

He stated that pipe replacement works have commenced from Laune Bridge to Astellas.

**1. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** With the approaching Summer season can we have an update on the request to place a Life Guard at Kells. An assessment of need was agreed and has since been carried out.

**Reply:** Lifeguard cover will be provided at Kells Beach during the 2018 Bathing Season as recommended in the risk assessment carried out by Irish Water Safety.

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

**2.Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To Kerry County Council to give an update on the water pressure in Lauragh.

**Reply:** The pressure in the water mains is very low to circa 12 customers located on relatively high ground near the serving reservoir at Clogherane, Lauragh. It is planned to remedy the problem by installing a pump station on the system this Summer.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy requested a more definite timeframe for rectifying the matter.**

**Mr. C Mangan replied that the pump station will be installed in the coming weeks.**

**(c) Questions**

**Question no 1 moved by Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald on behalf of Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen.**

**1.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** There have been many water breaks and low water pressure at Lauragh, Kenmare what is being done to rectify the problem?

**Reply:** The pressure in the water mains is very low to circa 12 customers located on relatively high ground near the serving reservoir at Clogherane, Lauragh. It is planned to remedy the problem by installing a pump station on the system this Summer. The issue of frequent breaks was addressed by the replacement in 2017 of more than a kilometre of the total of 5Km of watermains on this scheme.

**2. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** When does Irish Water expect to commence construction on the upgrade of the Castlegregory sewerage treatment plant?

**Reply:** In 2016 Irish Water allocated " 300,000 for the provision of a new waste water treatment plant at **Castlegregory**. The Council's Water Services design staff have reviewed the situation vis a vis the proposed population / loading to be catered for by the new plant and also its proposed location, and submissions were made to IW in 2017 and again in May 2018. The proposal is currently under review.

**Question no 3 moved by Cathaoirleach S Fitzgerald on behalf of Cllr. M. O' Shea**

**3. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask will Irish Water assist with the ongoing sewage problem in (details with Directorate).

**Reply:** The Council's Water Services department has arranged the removal by a drain-cleaning contractor of gravel which had blocked the old 225MM earthenware sewer in this 40-house estate. A CCTV survey will now be done and any necessary repair works will then be carried out in the coming weeks.

**5.(a) To note update report from Housing Directorate**

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

## Housing Report – SOUTH & WEST

### Municipal District.

- **Housing Applications**

	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of approved applicants on the housing list who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	924
Net Need for S&W MD (excluding transfers)	724
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	93
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	65

- **Void Management**

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	1
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	0
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	5
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	9
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	0
<b><u>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</u></b>	15

- **Social Housing Options**

<b>Social Housing Options in MD</b>	<b>New tenancies since the start of the year</b>	<b>Current No of tenancies</b>
LA Housing	8	996
RAS	5	142
Leasing	0	76
HAP	23	73
<b><u>Total no of Tenancies</u></b>	36	1287

#### 4 Housing Construction/Acquisition Programme

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

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

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

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

## House Acquisitions since the start of the year

<u>Location</u>	<u>No of dwellings</u>	<u>Type of dwellings</u>	<u>Month of purchase</u>
The purchase of 6 houses is being progressed.			
Turnkeys: 6 houses have been acquired out of a total project of 13 through a turnkey development in Milltown with a further 3 to be acquired. (4 were acquired in 2017). Approval has been received for a turnkey development in Killorglin for 3 houses.			

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

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, 442 No. requests for repairs have been received for the South & West Municipal District.

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

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, 42 No. grants have been allocated in the South & West Municipal District.

### **7 Bedroom Extensions**

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

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

**Nom no 1 moved by Cathaoirleach S Fitzgerald on behalf of Cllr. M. O'Shea**

**1.Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To request Kerry County Council to purchase land for social housing in Castlemaine Village.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently prioritising the areas of highest need when assessing the feasibility of purchasing lands for our construction programme. The current social housing need in the Castlemaine area is being managed through acquisitions, turnkeys, RAS, HAP, leasing.

The purchase of additional lands is complex and Members need to be mindful of the legacy land loans currently on our books. That being said appropriate opportunities are considered in detail as they arise.

**(c ) Questions**

**1. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Has Kerry County Council progressed and plans to facilitate the construction of social housing in and around Dingle town?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have no housing projects on the current programme in or around Dingle town but are actively seeking lands in Dingle for the housing construction programme.

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue** stated that despite intensive efforts, the council has no land available in Dingle . He requested councillors to advise the Housing Department if they are aware of any suitable lands.

**2. Question dealt within conjunction with Item 24.05.18.01(d)(2) see page 6**

**24.05.18.05 Operations Health & Safety Directorate**

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

It was agreed to note the following report.

**South and West Kerry Municipal District Meeting – 24th May 2018  
Update Report from the Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety**

**1. Roads / Transportation**

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

**National Roads**

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

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

- Design and Preparation of EIAR s ongoing. It is anticipated that the CPO/EIS will be published in Q32018, subject to TII approval.

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

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

N70 Creamery Cross

- Consultation on the proposals is underway
- The Part 8 process will commence in Q3 2018.

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack

- Design is complete. Preferred Option chosen. Public Consultation held in March 2018; positive local feedback received from most attendees. Some issues raised which are being addressed.
- The Part 8 Publication to commence in Q2/Q3 2018 subject to the necessary approvals.

N70 Brackaharagh

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

N70 Castlemaine to Milltown

- Early consultation underway with stakeholders.
- Public Consultation on route options to follow in June 2018.

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

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

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

- Land acquisition is progressing.

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

- A consultant will be appointed in Q3 2018 to prepare the detailed design and Contract Documents for this next phase of the N86.

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

N86 Lispole to Ballynasare Lower & Ballygarret to Camp -2018 Allocation- " 0.5M:

- Construction is ongoing and progressing well.
- Pavement construction is substantially complete at Camp, and works are approaching overall completion. The traffic diversion remains in place at Banogue and the embankment construction is nearing completion. Blacktop is also advancing in Lispole and the cycle tracks are being prepared. Accommodation works are also well advanced. The works are due to be complete in July 2018.

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

- The Construction Contract was signed with Sorensens Civil Engineering in March 2018.

- Site works are progressing well
- This is an 18 month contract with works due to be complete in mid 2019.

Kerry Cork and Clare Bridge Rehabilitation- 2018 Allocation

N70 Ballynamona Upper Bridge Widening

- Construction Contract awarded. Bridge widening Works underway and are to be completed in 2018.

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

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

<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Current Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
N70	Dromavally to Mill Road, Killorglin.	1,300	" 100,000	<p>A Section 38 statutory process has been completed in relation to proposed safety improvement works at 4 locations on this scheme.</p> <p>Pre-tender site investigations have proven that there is a cast iron water main to be replaced at Tralee Road within the extents of the scheme. TII have agreed to fund the replacement of this water main in advance of the pavement scheme.</p> <p>Currently, the likely programme of works is that the water main will be replaced over the next 2 months and that the main construction contract for the pavement improvements will then commence in September 2018 following the peak summer tourist season. This is subject to the necessary TII approvals.</p>
N70	Dromquinna	500	" 600,000	

**Status of Projects at Design Stage**

<b>Road No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Length (m)</b>	<b>Current Allocation</b>	<b>Comment</b>
N70	Waterville to River Inny Bridge	6,000	" 3,500,000	A preliminary design is being developed to carry out pavement strengthening on this section of the Ring of Kerry.

### **National Secondary Safety Schemes**

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

## Regional and Local Roads

### **Restoration Improvement Programme Restoration Maintenance Programme**

*An update in relation to the above programmes is outlined in Appendix A.*

### **Specific Improvement Grants**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Allocation</i>	<i>Status</i>
Realignment of the L-11653, Low Road at Rossbeigh	" 701,106 (including loan)	The Contract has been awarded to Griffin Brothers Contracting Ltd., Castleisland.  The construction of the new road link is progressing well and is scheduled to be completed by the end of Q2, 2018.
Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 4	" 1,800,000	The construction phase of the scheme has commenced and 100% completion by Q2, 2019 is being targeted.

## Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Clár**

An update in relation to the works scheduled to the above programmes is included in Appendix B.

### **All Areas**

Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Works.

Drainage maintenance, pothole and patch repairs.

## 2. Capital Infrastructure

### South Kerry Greenway

Documentation for the planning application and CPO is practically completed and a request to An Bord Pleanála has been made for a pre-application consultation meeting. A date for this meeting has not yet been notified by the board.

It is intended to lodge the planning application and CPO with An Bord Pleanála in mid/late June subject to the close out of the pre-application consultation meeting with the board.

When the Planning Application and the CPO are lodged a statutory public consultation phase will commence. Full details will be publicised as to where information on the project can be viewed and how to make submissions on the application to An Bord Pleanála. 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 2018

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

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

" 150,000 allocated to continue the stabilisation of Ballinskelligs Pier. Design being finalised by consultants and expected to go to tender by end of May.

### Public Lighting

#### Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 23

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days (since last meeting . incl. routine maintenance): 94

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 0

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

Charlie O'Sullivan

Director of Operations, Capital Infrastructure & Safety

## APPENDIX A Restoration Improvement Programme 2018

### Caherciveen Restoration Improvement Programme 2018

Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Length (m)	Est Cost	Works Scheduled
R-565	Aghagadda to Aghanboy	RR	1,100	" 219,450	Being Tendered.
L-4010	Doory towards Mastergeehy	RR	1,000	" 135,000	Strengthening in July.
L-11595	Coomatloukane (End of Bunavalla Pier road)	RR	800	" 68,000	Strengthening in August.
L-7800	Riverview Estate, Cahersiveen	RR	436	" 93,013	Being Tendered.
L-11632	Killeenleigh Cross towards Bunadreen	RR	900	" 99,000	Strengthening in July.
L-4010	Derreen to Gortatlea	RR	1000	" 112,148	Strengthening in July.
L-11913	Foilduff (Foilmore Church)	RI	950	" 95,000	Strengthening in July.
L-11518	Ducalla to Allagheemore	RI	765	" 66,957	Strengthening in August.
<b>Totals</b>			<b>6,951</b>	<b>€888,568</b>	

### Dingle Restoration Improvement Programme 2018

Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Length (m)	Est Cost	Works Scheduled
R559	Cloosmore Cross - Ballymore Cross	RR	1,020	" 126,780	Substantially complete.
R-560	Aughacarla Cross to Kelly Height Cross	RR	750	" 90,750	Strengthening in September.
L-8036	Ballybowler Cross to Lisargan Cross	RR	880	" 77,436	Strengthening in September.
L-8065	Ardrow Cross to Top of Maum	RR	900	" 67,320	Strengthening in June.
L-8059	Coumduff Cross - Coumduff Lake Car Park	RR	900	" 65,340	Strengthening in June.
L-8058	Acres	RR	1,190	" 95,795	Strengthening in June.
L-8066	Annascaul East Cross - Village Speed Limit	RR	350	" 67,375	Strengthening in June.
L-5005	Feoghanagh Bridge Cross - Kilquane South Cross	RR	700	" 80,500	Strengthening in September.
R-550	Four Cross Roads - Teer Cross	RR	634	" 72,975	Strengthening in September.
R559	Strand St. Dingle	RR	363	" 143,715	Substantially complete.
L-12193	Gortanedin Cross to Gortanedin	RR	500	" 22,420	Strengthening in September.
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8,187</b>	<b>€910,406</b>	

### Kenmare Restoration Improvement Programme 2018

Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Length (m)	Est Cost	Works Scheduled
L-11197	Forge Road	RI	1,000	" 99,000	Strengthening in August.
L-11684	Direenaclaurig	RI	1,000	" 99,000	Strengthening in August.
L-4054	Killaha	RI	1,000	" 99,000	Being Tendered
L-7548	Dromroughty	RI	950	" 74,812	Strengthening in August.
R-568	Sneem	RI	800	" 143,000	Being Tendered
R-569	Kilgarvan Village	RI	400	" 111,000	Being Tendered
L-4043	Slieveadubh	RI	950	" 81,678	Strengthening in August.
L-11683	Bocar	RI	1,300	" 97,500	Strengthening in August.
L-4046	Direen	RI	600	" 60,280	Strengthening in August.
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8,000</b>	<b>€865,270</b>	

Killorglin Restoration Improvement Programme 2018

Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Length (m)	Est Cost	Works Scheduled
L4021	Glanagillach cross to Rangué junction	RR	1,500	" 150,000	Being Tendered.
L4019	Gortmaloon cross to Shanacashel cross	RR	1,700	" 136,000	Being Tendered.
R561	Firies	RR	265	" 73,500	Being Tendered.
L11733	Laharn- N70 to Rangué junction	RR	1,100	" 110,000	Substantially complete.
L4037	Dunmaniheen to Angljoint	RR	1,100	" 88,000	Substantially complete.
L7513	Ardraw to Cooleanig	RR	1,050	" 71,601	Strengthening works ongoing.
L11729	Ardmoneel	RR	400	" 24,300	Substantially complete.
L4010	Ownagarry to Glencuttane Upper	RI	1,456	" 145,569	Strengthening works ongoing.
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8,571</b>	<b>€798,970</b>	
<b>Overall Total (MD)</b>			<b>31,709</b>	<b>€3,463,214</b>	

## Restoration Maintenance Programme

<b>Cahersiveen Restoration Maintenance Programme</b>					
Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Length (m)	Est Cost	Works Scheduled
R-566	Ballard Lower, Ballinskelligs	RM	1,500	" 47,850	Surface dressing in Jul / Aug.
L-4011	Derrineden, Dromid	RM	2,500	" 41,625	Surface dressing in Jul / Aug.
L-7537	Garryglass to Kilmackerrin	RM	2,750	" 42,075	Surface dressing in Jul / Aug.
L-4007	Bahaghs to Srugreana	RM	1,740	" 45,432	Surface dressing in Jul / Aug.
L-7521	Inchintrea to Ballynahowmore	RM	2,100	" 33,075	Surface dressing in Jul / Aug.
L-7520	Coulagh to Cahemamon, Kells	RM	2,925	" 47,371	Surface dressing in Jul / Aug.
<b>Totals</b>			<b>13,515</b>	<b>€257,428</b>	

<b>Dingle Restoration Maintenance Programme</b>					
Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Length (m)	Est Cost	Works Scheduled
R560	Kilmore Cross to Baile Dubh Bridge	SR	1,200	" 39,600	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-5014	Magherabeg	SR	1,000	" 27,000	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-12193	Gortanedin Cross to Gortanedin	SR	500	" 6,750	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-12219	Ardcanaght Cross to Ardcanaght	SR	1,500	" 23,625	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-12188	Shanahill	SR	1,250	" 19,688	Surface Dressing in June / July.
R559	Coumeenole Cross to New Road	SR	500	" 13,750	Surface Dressing in June / July.
R559	Dun Chaoin Cross to An Clasach	SR	400	" 11,000	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-5003	Teach na Féile Cross - Baile Beag Cross	SR	2,000	" 49,500	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-8039	Ventry Village Cross to Caherard Cross	SR	1,300	" 29,250	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-8037	Knocknahow Cross to Mullenaglemlig	SR	1,200	" 18,900	Surface Dressing in June / July.
L-8049	Ballincolla Cross to Ballyoughteragh North Cross	SR	1,300	" 24,495	Surface Dressing in June / July.
<b>Totals</b>			<b>12,150</b>	<b>€263,558</b>	

<b>Kenmare Restoration Maintenance Programme</b>					
Road Number	Road Description	Work Category	Length (m)	Est Cost	Works Scheduled
R-571	R571, Cuhig	RM	2,220	" 79,308	Surface Dressing in July
R-569	R569, Morleys Bridge	RM	2,500	" 94,875	Surface Dressing in July
L-11620	L11620, Slievenashaska	RM	470	" 9,500	Surface Dressing in July
L-11622	L11622, Lomanagh	RM	3,300	" 66,851	Surface Dressing in July
<b>Totals</b>			<b>8,490</b>	<b>€250,534</b>	



## APPENDIX B

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
Killorglin	Killorglin Loop Walk Development	" 120,000 + " 100,000 from TII	Q2, 2018	Scheme has been extended significantly and now incorporates a TII Safety Scheme at Laharan.
Milltown	Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail	" 100,000	Q3, 2018	Discussions with landowners are underway.
Caragh Lake	Caragh Lake Amenity Development	" 100,000	Q3, 2018	Grant provides for upgrade of the public right of way to the lake and funding for a study in relation to provision of a Pier and Slipway.

## APPENDIX C

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
3166	Lamp Out	1553	Ballydavid	13/12/2017	Fault being investigated
3173	Lamp Out	5077	Waterville	16/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3182	Lamp Out	4626	Carhan Road, Caherciveen	16/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3200	Lamp Out	1641	Church Avenue	16/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3266	Lamp Out	4363	Market Street Car Park, Killorglin	16/01/2018	Additional traffic management required
3267	Lamp Out	1477	John Street Dingle	17/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3303	Lamp Out	1533	Murreagh	17/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3304	Lamp Out	1406	Strand Street Dingle	17/01/2018	Additional traffic management required
3366	Lamp Out	1408	Strand Street Dingle	17/01/2018	Additional traffic management required
3367	Lamp Out	1483	Off John Street, Dingle	22/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3463	Lamp Out	1342	R559	22/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3464	Lamp Out	4	Knocklyne estate	22/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3465	Lamp Out	4327	Line Mill Road Killorglin	22/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3466	Lamp Out	4225	Tralee Road, Killorglin	22/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3470	Lamp Out	5115	Waterville Cottages	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3490	Lamp Out	5617	Killarney Road, Kilgarvan	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3491	Lamp Out	5235	Sea View estate	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3552	Lamp Out	5229	Sportsfield Road, Sneem	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3553	Lamp Out	28	Village Furies	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3554	Lamp Out	27	Village Furies	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3555	Lamp Out	47	R561	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
3556	Lamp Out	48	R561	23/01/2018	Fault being investigated
2630	Lamp Out	49	R561	12/02/2018	Fault being investigated

### 5(b) Notice of Motions

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the Department of Transport realign the Caragh Lake Road in the vicinity of the Railway Cottage and carry out as a matter of extreme urgency, major "Health and Safety+improvement works to this "Death Trap Bend" at Quaybawn, Glenbeigh before someone is killed or seriously injured at this treacherous location.

**REPLY:** An application for funding for Safety Improvement Works at this location on the L-4020 was submitted to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in October of last year. However, the scheme did not receive funding when the 2019 Regional and Local Roads allocations were announced.

It is intended to re-submit the scheme when the Department invites proposals for 2019 which is expected to be in Q3 of this year.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the reply and stated that there have been numerous accidents on this section of road.**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty seconded the notice of motion.**

**2. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** To have approx 3km of roadway at Coomastow- Maulin properly drained and gulleys cleared. Also to erect a barrier or fence at a small bridge in the Coomastow area.

**REPLY:** This section of roadway from Coomastow to Maulin is not on the 2018 Drainage Programme. However, the section will be considered for inclusion in future drainage programmes.

The Council can erect a fence on both sides of the small bridge in Coomastow. This work is suitable for funding through the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.

**Mr. P. Teahan will make every effort to ensure that it will be reconsidered for the 2018 Drainage Programme.**

**Cllr. N Moriarty welcomed the response and stressed that urgent works are required here.**

**3. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** To make safe with either fencing or a barrier two very deep drains along the Cools road, Ballinskelligs. The land holder adjacent is concerned about several near misses that have occurred.

**REPLY:** The Council have recently erected delineators adjacent to the drains at this location on the Cools road, Ballinskelligs.

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

**4. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Can Kerry County Council give a time frame in which it would take to get a public street light fixed.

**REPLY:** The period during which a public light should be repaired under the current maintenance contract is 12 days. However, where there is unforeseeable circumstances, ESB requirements or adverse weather, then this time frame may be extended.

**Cllr. D. M Carthy acknowledged the response.**

**5. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council to give an update on the public footpath from Cill Mhuire Estate to the priest cross in Kenmare.

**REPLY:** The feasibility of provision of additional footpath infrastructure in the County and in this Municipal District was examined in detail prior to preparation of the Schedule of Municipal Works Plan 2018 and the Service Delivery Plan 2018. The Department of Transport, Tourism

and Sport Discretionary Maintenance Grant was the only grant available to support the footpath programme on Regional and Local roads. This grant allows for maintenance of the existing network but not the construction of new footpaths. Nevertheless, the provision of this new footpath link on the Dromneavane Road will be kept under consideration for any future funding streams that may be suitable.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy acknowledged the reply and stated that this matter has previously been raised.**

**6. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council are there specific measurements for speed ramps as there has been numerous complaints about the speed ramp located outside Supervalu Kenmare.

**REPLY:** The ramped approach to this raised table on Railway Road is due to be corrected by the contractor over the coming weeks.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the response.**

**7. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** To ask Kerry County Council is there funding available to upgrade the road West of Sneem.

**REPLY:** This section of the N70 National Secondary road was highlighted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland as a priority pavement improvement project in 2016. However, it has not yet been identified by TII as a scheme that should proceed to design stage. The condition of this section of road will again be raised with TII over the next number of weeks.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy noted the response and requested that maintenance works would be carried out in the interim.**

**Notice of Motion no 8 – 12 moved by Cathaoirleach S Fitzgerald in behalf of Cllr P. Connor-Scarteen**

**8. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** Please arrange for the Flooding issue to be rectified in the garden of (Details with Directorate).

**REPLY:** The above property in Dromevane, Kenmare is privately owned, along with the adjacent properties. The flooding is likely to have occurred due to the abnormally high rainfall that has been experienced in the winter 2017/2018. The Housing Engineer spoke to the property owner and advised how to improve the drainage in the site.

**9.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council erect "No dogs" signs at the entrance to Templenoe Burial Ground. (Details with directorate)

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council will erect " No Dogs" signs at Templenoe Burial Ground.

**10.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council arrange for the resurfacing of the road between Oysterbed Pier and Sneem.

**REPLY:** The L-7543 Road is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme for 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. The road may, however, be considered for inclusion in the next multi-annual programme. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

**11. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please give an update on what progress is being made to regulated casual trading in Kenmare.

**REPLY:** The Council is currently completing the works at the Square, East Park Lane and Park Lane to facilitate casual trading around The Park. The Casual Trading Licence application forms have been circulated to current market traders and are available on the Council's website and from the Kenmare Area Office. These applications will have to be vetted and licences issued over the coming weeks. Taking construction and administrative factors into account we are targeting an effective date for the implementation of the Bye-Laws within the period of late June / early July.

**12. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** What is the procedure and timeline in relation to the Local Improvement Schemes in 2018.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council has over 800 no. Local Improvement Scheme applications on hand . (675 no. new applications received by the closing date of Friday 27th April, 2018 together with 126 no. applications received after the previous Local Improvement Scheme closing date of 31st December, 2007). These applications will need to be assessed, costed and prioritised. It is proposed to have a priority list in place by the end of Q1 2019.

**13. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council consider erecting two electronic display signs on the Conor Pass in times of fog alerting people to avoid this area.

**REPLY:** The Council erected signage at the foot of Conor Pass approximately 4 years ago indicating that it is impassable during adverse weather. It is reasonable to expect motorists to take prevailing weather conditions into account when deciding to proceed up the Conor Pass. Given the geographical surrounds of the Conor Pass, the weather can change swiftly and fog or mist may only be present for moments at a time during July and August. In this context it is not feasible to relay further live information to motorists to assist them. However, the Council has recently erected enhanced signage for the Conor Pass indicating how far motorists have to travel to the next passing bay. This will be of assistance when conditions of moderate severity are experienced.

When particularly poor weather conditions of a prolonged nature are present at the summit of the Conor Pass the Council places announcements on Radio Kerry and Raidió na Gaeltachta combined with sharing the information about the weather conditions on social media.

**In response to a query from Cathaoirleach. S. Fitzgerald regarding the erection of warning signage for the summer months, Mr. C Nagle replied that regular weather updates are posted on social media. Fog is a short-term condition and there is no form of technology available to advise motorists of this condition in such a short period of time. The Conor Pass is an**

**area of high ground that poses numerous weather problems for motorists. The ongoing works on the N86 has resulted in an increased number of motorists using the Conor Pass.**

**14. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Can Kerry County Council examine the pedestrian path down to Kinard beach, in Lispole, with the view to making it safer for people who wish to access the strand?

**REPLY:** The toe of this access has been severely eroded as is the immediate coastline surrounding the access to the strand. Works associated with improving the access to the strand would be suitable for a CSMDO allocation and an estimate can be prepared upon request.

**Cathaoirleach S Fitzgerald noted the response.**

**15. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Any progress in identifying lands for the development of a car park at Baile na nGall.?

**REPLY:** The Council has reviewed a parcel of land located adjacent to, but outside of the village of Baile na nGall. The Council will approach the landowner to determine its availability. The acquisition and development of the lands will be dependent upon a suitable source of funding being identified.

**Notice of motion no16-19 was moved by Cathaoirleach S Fitzgerald on behalf of Cllr. M O' Shea.**

**16.Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask what is the delay with fixing the lights between Foleys bar Inch and Inch church.

**REPLY:** There was an issue with power supply to this lighting installation. A new power supply from ESB Networks has been applied for. Once ESB Networks make the permanent electricity connection, we shall commission and finalise the installation.

**17. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask what is the up to date position with the proposed lighting between Milltown village and the grave yard on the N70

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council have had a pedestrian counter installed on site in Milltown on the N70 between the town and the graveyard. This counter will be removed and assessed at the end of May to determine if this location complies with the Public Lighting Policy.

**18.Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that Kerry County Council extend the existing car park at Ceann Sleibhe to provide extra parking spaces to alleviate traffic congestion and to promote the viewing point at Ceann Sleibhe.

**REPLY:** The car park referred is the Wild Atlantic Discovery Point, Ceann Sleibhe. This car park was resurfaced and improved in 2016 and any further works will necessitate a specific funding mechanism. This proposal will be considered in the context of suitable funding opportunities for the further development of the Wild Atlantic Way in the future.

**19. Cllr. M. O'Shea:** That the Director of Operations in conjunction with KCC's Tourism Office and TII would create viewing points along the newly constructed N70 between Kilderry and Milltown.

**REPLY:** The potential to create viewing points on the N70 scheme currently being constructed will be examined. However, the safety implications of turning in and out of such viewing points will have to be carefully considered having regard to the road geometry at the particular location.

**20. Cllr. D. Quigg:** Will Kerry County Council provide bridge rehabilitation works at the at Glencuttane, Glencar.

**REPLY:** The Bridge on the L4010, Local Primary Road has been inspected structurally and is currently in good condition.

**Cllr. D. Quigg noted the response.**

**21. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council provide a temporary road surface in Killorglin town on Crows road and the junction at Market road

**REPLY:** It is anticipated that the N70 Dromavally to Mill Road Pavement scheme will proceed to construction in September 2018, subject to normal TII approvals. Essential maintenance will be carried out at the above locations in the interim.

**Cllr. D Quigg asked that the durapatcher would be used on this section of road, in particular at the right hand turn adjacent to the car park.**

**Mr. B Hickey replied that road works will be carried out in the interim.**

**22. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council address the camber of the road in Cahersiveen Main Street through the village as this is a grave Health and Safety concern.

**REPLY:** The Main Street in Caherciveen is the N70 National Secondary Route. Adjustments to the camber of the road could only be examined as part of a Transport Infrastructure Ireland funded Pavement Improvement Scheme. The Council has had discussions with TII regarding the possibility of a pavement scheme being undertaken on the N70 through Caherciveen. However, TII have not yet instructed the Council to commence the design stage. It should be noted that any adjustment will be restricted by doorway levels on the street itself and this will have to be taken into account should a design proceed.

**Cllr. D. Quigg noted the response.**

**23. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council look at providing a traffic management plan for Killorglin town as the current situation is not working leading to major delays.

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

Road Safety  
Pedestrians, Cyclists and People with disabilities  
Traffic Flow Management

On street and off street Car Parking  
HGV Management  
Access to Schools  
Bus Services

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

The options to alter traffic flow management, HGV management and on-street parking (which is highly valued by commercial business) on the existing street network is limited. Therefore, the ultimate solution to reduce the tailbacks being experienced in the summer will require the construction of a new by-pass linking the N70 and N72 and a new bridge crossing of the River Laune. This requirement is identified as an objective in the County Development Plan. Until there is a likely timeline for the construction of this new infrastructure, the preparation of a full traffic management plan could not be considered as an effective use of resources. However, many aspects of transport planning in Killorglin are under continuing review and improvement and in 2016, the Council completed the N70 Iveragh Road Safety Enhancement and Pavement Scheme which addressed many of the transport issues listed above, particularly in relation to road safety and pedestrian facilities.

The operation of junctions is the principal factor regarding efficient traffic flow and in this regard works on the N70 Mill Road / Market Street Junction were substantially completed last year. A Section 38 statutory process was completed in November 2017 to facilitate improvements at 3 further junctions on the N70 which form part of the proposed N70 Dromavally to Mill Road Pavement scheme. It is anticipated that this scheme will proceed to construction in September 2018, subject to normal TII approvals.

In relation to car parking, the Mill Car Park on Annadale Road was surfaced and re-lined in 2016. The Council has also reached agreement to acquire a further 1.7 acres of land at Annadale Road which will facilitate additional car and coach parking. It is proposed to seek consent in 2018 for the development of the extension of this car park in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning & Development Acts, 2000-2017 and Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001 -2017. The Council must, however, examine and identify options for funding the construction element of this particular project following the completion of the Part 8 planning process.

**Cllr. D. Quigg requested that a letter would issue to the Minister for Transport, Sport & Tourism Mr. S. Ross requesting that he would receive a deputation from both the members of the South & West Municipal District and member of the executive of Kerry County Council to discuss the provision of a by- pass for Killorglin.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill seconded the proposal and requested that a Town Management Plan would be compiled in the interim.**

**It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Mr. S Ross requesting that he would receive the deputation.**

**24. Cllr. D. Quigg:** That this Council look at introducing signage and maps directing cyclists to quieter roads that would not have as much vehicular activity on them as a pilot scheme in the Killorglin, Caraghlake, and Glencar areas.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council are currently examining the feasibility of designating a number of roadcycle routes throughout the county. Routes would be chosen based on a number of criteria including road safety, visual / tourism amenity and variety. Funding will be required to bring this project to fruition.

**Cllr. D. Quigg noted the response.**

**25.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would put signs inside the gate of Reenagross Park to let strangers know that they are approaching a busy road.

**REPLY:** These works would be suitable for a CSMDO allocation. A cost estimate will be prepared upon request.

**Cllr. J Healy-Rae noted the response.**

**26.Cllr. J Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would cut all hedges at junctions urgently.

**REPLY:** The Council does maintain hedges annually at critical junctions, at roadside verges that are in our ownership and where road improvement works are taking place to allow for safe work operations. The Council also carries out hedge cutting on critical sections of the Ring of Kerry, due to width restrictions on the route and the large volumes of tourist buses using it.

The hedge cutting of junctions on the Regional and Local Road network will be funded from Discretionary Maintenance. However, hedge cutting at junctions on the National Secondary road network is funded through the TII National Secondary Ordinary Maintenance grant which was reduced by 32% this year. This combined with increased expenditure on maintenance of pavements due to severe weather over the winter/spring period has resulted in the remaining national secondary maintenance allocation for the Municipal District being at a much lower level than in previous years. The Council will be applying to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for special maintenance funding to carry out any necessary hedge cutting on National Secondary Routes. The Council will be stressing the need for this funding to be provided, if possible. However, the final decision regarding the provision of the funding is a matter for TII.

On the remainder of the public road network, hedge cutting is the responsibility of the landowner and the Council has an active policy for enforcing the provisions of the legislation.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae expressed disappointment that T.I.I have reduced funding for these works and requested that the application for special maintenance funding is submitted to T.I.I. as a matter of urgency.**

**Mr. P. Teahan replied that at peak growth, hedge cutting will be carried out at critical junctions and dangerous bends.**

**27. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would resurface the bog road Kilgarvan as far as Doyle's.

**REPLY:** The L-7060 Road is not included in the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport's Restoration Improvement Programme for 2018 which is the grant that funds significant rehabilitation and strengthening work on the local road network. The road may, however, be considered for inclusion in the next multi-annual programme. General maintenance works will be carried out on this road to the extent allowable under Local Roads Upkeep funding.

### **(c ) Questions**

**1.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council include the Corbally Road, Milltown in the Road Grant's Programme and ensure that major improvement works are carried out to this important road as a matter of priority.

**REPLY:** The L11794, Local Tertiary cul de sac road is currently not included in the 2018 Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan. However, this road would be suitable for funding under a Community Involvement Scheme. An application may be submitted by the residents for a future scheme.

**Cllr. M Cahill noted the response.**

**2.Cllr.M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland construct a new Bridge and replace the extremely dangerous S-Shaped Behy Bridge, on the Ring of Kerry Road in the vicinity of Glenbeigh National School where numerous accidents have occurred and where lives have been lost. When will the Planning process commence, when will work commence on the construction of this new Bridge, how long will this work take and what is the estimated cost of the project.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council's National Road Design Office (Kerry NRDO) has developed a number of route options in the vicinity of Glanbehy Bridge aimed primarily at removing a series of low radius bends associated with a perpendicular crossing of the River Behy as well as improving the alignment on both approaches to this crossing. All proposals for the N70 Glanbehy Bridge Road Project, which involve the construction of a new bridge and comprise a combination of both off-line/on-line improvements, have been appraised and the emerging preferred route is approximately 1.85km in length (including 1.15km off-line) and overall costs c. " 4.5m. Approval from TII will be sought to proceed with the Part 8 Planning process later this year following consultation with affected parties. Construction work, which would be likely to last for c. 12 months, could commence the following year subject to the necessary approvals and the availability of funding from TII.

**3. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council ensure that the hedges and overhanging trees are cut, particularly along the narrow, dangerous sections of our county's main Tourist Routes, the Ring of Kerry road and the Killarney to Dingle road.

**REPLY:** The Council does maintain hedges annually at critical junctions, at roadside verges that are in our ownership and where road improvement works are taking place to allow for safe work

operations. The Council also carries out hedge cutting on critical sections of the Ring of Kerry, due to width restrictions on the route and the large volumes of tourist buses using it.

Hedge cutting at specific locations on the Regional and Local Road network will be funded from Discretionary Maintenance. However, hedge cutting on the National Secondary road network is funded through the TII National Secondary Ordinary Maintenance grant which was reduced by 32% this year. This combined with increased expenditure on maintenance of pavements due to severe weather over the winter/spring period has resulted in the remaining national secondary maintenance allocation for the Municipal District being at a much lower level than in previous years. The Council will be applying to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for special maintenance funding to carry out any necessary hedge cutting on National Secondary Routes. The Council will be stressing the need for this funding to be provided, if possible. However, the final decision regarding the provision of the funding is a matter for TII.

On the remainder of the public road network, hedge cutting is the responsibility of the landowner and the Council has an active policy for enforcing the provisions of the legislation.

**Cllr. M. Cahill stated that the hedge cutting policy for the county needs to be reviewed as the roads are extremely dangerous.**

**4. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** To correct the un intended mis direction of water onto the main Ring of Kerry road from Lohar to Coomaciste. The placement of concrete channels along the road which are too shallow results in water spilling onto the road. While this time of the year it is an inconvenience it is a very serious hazard in colder icy conditions.

**REPLY:** This issue regarding drainage on the N70 between Lohar and Coom a Ciste will be resolved when the contractor is dealing with the snag list associated with this pavement scheme.

**Cllr. N Moriarty stated that she was satisfied with the reply once the matter is rectified.**

**5. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we make an application for funding to assess exactly what is required to secure the cliff face, car park area and low road at The Glen, Ballinskelligs. There has been considerable erosion at these points and they are in need of protection.

**REPLY:** A survey has been carried out at the beach area of The Glen, St. Finian's Bay with regards proposed coastal erosion protection measures adjacent to the R566 roadway, car park and beach access. A design is presently being drafted for these works. Given that the area is adjacent to the Iveragh Peninsula SPA, an Environmental Impact Assessment/Appropriate Assessment screening is required before any works can be considered. As soon as the design is finalised, it is proposed to carry out the required EIA/AA screenings, and subject to these screenings to submit a funding application to the OPW for the required coastal works.

**6. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we examine the possibility of putting a one way traffic system in operation at Top Cross Waterville given increased traffic and business at this site and its narrowness there are now many instances of blocked traffic and hazardous situations.

**REPLY:** A preliminary examination of this proposal has been undertaken. If a one-way system was introduced it would inevitably lead to residents in the Spunkane / Beenbane areas that are customers of the businesses on this local road using the junction of this road with the N70 Ring of Kerry to a greater degree (either turning onto or turning off the N70). The customers of these businesses would also have to use the junction of Seaview Terrace and the N70 to a greater degree than they need to at present. Currently, these customers can use the local road junction with Seaview Terrace to access off road parking. On balance, it is unlikely that any significant benefit would accrue from the proposal for a one-way system taking the movements that would arise at the junctions into account.

**Cllr. N Moriarty expressed disappointment with the reply.**

**Question No 7 & 8 moved by Cathaoirleach S Fitzgerald on behalf of Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen.**

**7.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please request that the funding is allocated for road improvements at Brackaharagh, Caherdaniel N70 road and seek an update on what stage the project is at.

**REPLY:** The scheme has advanced through the Preliminary Design stage. Landowner consultation has taken place in early 2018. The Part 8 Notice will be published in June 2018 subject to TII approval. It is hoped on completion of the Part 8 process that TII will provide the necessary funding to buy the land necessary for the scheme and to commence the construction works through 2019/2020.

**8.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council please provide an update on what is being done to provide a footpath and lighting from Ard Bhearna Estate towards Kenmare Town.

**REPLY:** The Council is continuing to make strong representations to Transport Infrastructure Ireland seeking approval to commence a pavement design for this section of the N71 National Secondary Route. If the scheme is approved to proceed to the design stage, the Council will be making a case to have a footpath link with associated public lighting to Ard Bhearna included as part of the scheme.

**9. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Any progress on securing lands for the development of a car park at Faha, Cloghane, to facilitate people who wish to climb Mount Brandon?

**REPLY:** The Council is continuing its discussions with landowners in the area with the aim of acquiring lands to provide additional car parking capacity at Faha, Cloghane. The acquisition and development of the lands will be dependent upon a suitable source of funding being identified.

**Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald noted the response.**

**10. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** When does Kerry County Council expect to have the new car park in Green Street opened to the public?

**REPLY:** The Council has just agreed the legal text for the lease of this property with the landowner's solicitor. We are examining in detail the financing of the construction costs associated with the project. Strictly subject to funding being available, we are targeting that works will commence in the latter half of June with a view to having the car park available for use this August.

**11. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Has Kerry County Council any plans to develop and regulate the footpath at the tracks in Dingle?

**REPLY:** Additional public lighting was provided along the N86, The Tracks, in the latter half of 2017. The construction of the remaining footpath will be completed by mid-July 2018 and is being funded by a development contribution.

**Q no 12- 15 moved by Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald on behalf of Cllr. M. O' Shea.**

**12.Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask will Kerry County Council improve on the signage for Kerry airport at Firies village.

**REPLY:** The directional signage for Kerry Airport at Firies village will be reviewed in consultation with the Killarney Municipal District.

**13.Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask will Kerry County Council remove the green areas at the entrance to Firies village and adjacent to the funeral home and replace them with concrete or a tarred surface.

**REPLY:** The footpath and green area on the R561 at the entrance to Firies village was designed and built in the past 10 years and is in keeping with the approach roads to most villages and towns in the Municipal District. The provision of a 2 metre wide footpath and a 1 metre wide green area is in line with current standards.

**14.Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask what is the up to date position with the N86 in terms of funding & staged works programme.

**REPLY:** The improvement works for the N86 Dingle to Annascaul and Gortbreagogue to Camp scheme will be constructed on a phased basis with 5/6 phases being constructed over the next 10/15 years. The first phase is well progressed and will be substantially complete in July 2018. A consultant will be procured in mid 2018 to prepare the Contract Documents for the second phase. It is hoped that the second phase will receive TII funding to proceed to construction in 2019. The remaining phases will be completed over a number of years as the funding becomes available.

**15.Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that both Kerry County Council and the TII would carry out a full pavement reconstruction at Castlemaine village.

**REPLY:** As part of Transport Infrastructure Irelands pavement management procedures, an annual survey of the pavement is undertaken on all national roads, utilising an array of electronic, laser and digital video equipment mounted on specialised vehicles. This information combined with traffic data is used by TII to prioritise pavement improvement schemes.

The condition of the N70 National Secondary Route through Castlemaine has been discussed with TII. This section of road is likely to be considered by TII for a pavement scheme that could proceed to the design stage, possibly in 2019. This is, however, a decision for TII based on the Authority's standard approval processes.

**16.Cllr. D. Quigg:** When is it expected that the walkway at Laharn and the public right of Way in Caraghlake will be completed.

**REPLY:** It is expected that both these projects will be complete by mid Q4 2018.

**17.Cllr. D. Quigg:** Will public Lighting for new lights be funded in this current year.

**REPLY:** In order to comply with the EU directive (2012/27/EU) which established a set of binding measures to help the EU reach its 20% efficiency target by 2020, the Council is focusing on replacing existing public lighting infrastructure with energy efficient LED luminaires rather than adding/installing additional public lighting.

**Cllr. D. Quigg expressed disappointment with the reply.**

**Mr. P. Teahan undertook to discuss the matter further with Cllr. Quigg to establish if there is a specific location he wished to query.**

**18.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would put extra signage as you exit the bypass in Kennard on to the Kilgarvan road.

**REPLY:** This junction is signed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual published by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae acknowledged the response but stated that there has been a number of incidents at this location. The lack of street lighting and the presence of a very high tree is an issue. He requested that the council would consider the provision of rumble strips to slow down the traffic.**

**Mr. V. Horgan replied that the provision of rumble strips can be an issue, particularly for residents. He stated that street lighting has previously been erected and advised Cllr. Healy-Rae that additional signage can be provided.**

**19. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would introduce traffic calming measures on both sides of Kilgarvan village.

**REPLY:** The provision of driver feedback signs on both approaches to Kilgarvan village would be suitable for CSMDO allocations. An estimate can be prepared upon request.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae asked that an estimate would be prepared.**

**20.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council give an update on new electronic speed signs at Foilmore school.

**REPLY:** These periodic speed limit signs on the N70 are being maintained by TII and their condition has been specifically raised with TII since last year. The Council has e-mailed TII for a further update regarding the maintenance that needs to be carried out.

**Mr. P. Teahan advised the meeting that he is currently waiting a report from T.I.I. who are responsible for maintaining the lights.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae asked if a new application would be submitted to T.I.I.**

**Mr. P. Teahan stated that this isn't an option presently as the lighting is under a maintenance contract with T.I.I.. He envisaged that the matter will be resolved by September.**

#### **24.05.18.06 Motions / Questions relevant to other Directorates or issues not relevant to Kerry County Council business**

##### **(a) Notice of Motion**

**1.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and the Head of Finance introduce as a matter of priority, an "Incentive Scheme" that will help and encourage New Businesses to start up in Towns and Villages throughout Kerry and in this context I propose a 3 Year Scheme, whereby in Year 1 New Businesses receive a 100 per cent write-off in Rates, Year 2 a 50 per cent write-off in Rates and Year 3 a 25 per cent write-off in Rates. Such a scheme will obviously bring life back to our Towns and Villages, help create jobs and will also be a major help in getting rid of dereliction.

**Reply:** The council is currently preparing a Business Incentive Scheme to regenerate targeted areas in towns and villages in the county. The areas to be targeted will be identified through the development of the Local Area Plans in each area. The scheme will be coupled with additional supports through the Local Enterprise Office and will build on the revised development contributions scheme which is supportive of development on brownfield sites and the re-use/change of use of premises. It is clear from past incentive schemes that the targeting of support in an isolated manner through grants as outlined in the notice of motion will not have the desired impact and a more comprehensive response is required, targeting urban regeneration, business supports and targeted financial support.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and requested that the council would continue to support the business community in this county.**

**2.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris TD, the Health Service Executive and the Government to extend Medical Card cover, as a matter of extreme urgency, to all Cancer Patients and show some little bit of compassion by ensuring that Cancer sufferers have one less worry, knowing that their care and treatment costs will be covered by the Medical Card.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill asked that the Minister show compassion and provide all Cancer Patients with a medical card to ease the burden. He also referred to the recent Cervical Cancer enquiry and described the matter as criminal.**

**It was unanimously agreed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris.**

**All members wished to support the comments expressed by Cllr. M. Cahill.**

**3.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council make a special case to the Minister for Finance requesting him to introduce as a matter of extreme urgency, in this year's Budget a Town and Village Renewal Scheme/Tax Incentive Scheme that will encourage businesses and individuals to invest in projects that will bring life back to the towns and villages of Kerry and that will be of benefit to the greater community. Projects such as Social Housing and Hotels where there is a very obvious need such as Killorglin, should be considered for such a scheme.

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

**It was unanimously agreed that a resolution would issue to the Minister for Finance Mr. P Donohoe.**

**4.Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we agree to allow the community of Caherciveen to erect a statue in memoriam and honour of Iron Mike Murphy winner of the 1958 Ras Tailteann and all around sporting legend. The identified site is in the forecourt of the New Library in Caherciveen.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have agreed to allow a statue of Mike Murphy to be erected at the front of Cahersiveen Library subject to compliance with all relevant statutory consents i.e. planning etc by the group. The Facilities Manager has written to Mr. Frank Curran who submitted a request on behalf of the group.

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

**5.Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we write to the Chief Superintendent and seek an increase in Garda Hours in Sneem. The current provision is far too low and people find themselves having to travel to Kenmare to get forms signed etc.

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

**Cllr N. Moriarty stated that lack of Gardai in this area is a concern and requested that the number of Gardai is increased throughout the entire Municipal District. She proposed that the resolution would issue to the Chef Superintendent.**

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

**6. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That Kerry County Council call upon Eircom to rectify the landline problems at Sillehertane and Grouse Mount, Kilgarvan. There are 3 households without a landline since 12th March.

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

**It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to Eir.**

**7. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would paint the library and Community Centre in Cahirchiveen.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are working with the Local Community Scheme in Cahersiveen in relation to painting of Cahersiveen Library. The Carnegie Building in Cahersiveen is leased to Cahersiveen Community Resource Group Ltd and Kerry County Council has referred the request to the tenant.

**8. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would write to the ESB and ask them to carry out a risk assessment of the street lights between the National and Secondary school in Kenmare.

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

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that this is an extremely narrow and busy road and proposed that a letter would issue to ESB Networks requesting them to carry out a risk assessment of the street lights on this road taken into consideration the condition of the poles.**

**Cllr. D McCarthy seconded the proposal and concurred with the comments expressed by Cllr. J. Healy-Rae.**

**(b) correspondence**

1. Reply from Dept of Employment Affairs and Social Protection regarding dated 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2018 regarding the extension to CE participants.
2. Reply from OPW dated 26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2018 regarding the request to extend the existing car park at Cahergal Ring Fort.
3. Reply from Dept of Housing, Planning & Local Government dated 02 <sup>nd</sup> May, 2018 regarding the exclusion of Part V houses from the Tenant Purchase Scheme.
4. Reply from T.I.I. dated 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2018 regarding the request for the provision of a continuous white line at Caharn, Caherciveen.

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

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

(1) On the Proposal of Cllr. M Cahill and Seconded by Cllr. J. F Flynn it was agreed that a deputation from Glenbeigh Community Council would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

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

**(f) Any Other Business**

24.05.18.06(b) Reception of Deputations

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

Deputation from the Business in Milltown  
Re : Future Plans for By- pass for Milltown  
Requested by Cllr. J. F. Flynn

Deputation from the Glenbeigh Community Council  
Re : Issues in the Village  
Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill

24.05.18.06(c) Date for next Municipal District Meeting

It was agreed that the AGM meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be held on Friday 06<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The meeting concluded at 12.30p.m.

**Brenda Conway**  
**Meetings Administrator**

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