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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH & WEST KERRY HELD IN THE BROOKLANE HOTEL, KENMARE, FRIDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHIARRAÍ THAR AGUS THEAS BROOKLANE HOTEL, NEIDIN AR AN hAOINE 28<sup>Ú</sup> MEÁN FÓMHAIR 2018.**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

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

**Absent**

**Cllr. S Fitzgerald**

**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>Mr. M Kelliher</b>	<b>EE Caherciveen</b>
<b>Mr. K O' Halloran</b>	<b>EE Kenmare</b>
<b>Ms. S Griffin</b>	<b>Municipal District Officer</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>Mr. D Walsh</b>	<b>Project Manager</b>
<b>Mr. J. O' Leary</b>	<b>A Engineer</b>
<b>Ms. C. Fitzgerald</b>	<b>A.S.O Corporate Affairs</b>

The meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m.

Cathaoirleach N. Moriarty took the chair.

The Cathaoirleach gave apologies on behalf of Cllr. S. Fitzgerald who was unable to attend the meeting and it was agreed that Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen would move Cllr. S. Fitzgerald's Notices of Motion and Questions.

**28.09.18.01(a) Confirmation of Minutes**

(a) (a) On the PROPOSAL of Cllr D. Quigg & SECONDED by Cllr. M. Cahill it was agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the South & West Kerry Municipal District held on 06<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be confirmed.

## **(B) Reception of Deputations**

Deputation from KMEG

Re: Issues in the Town

Requested by Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen

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

The first spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) introduced himself as the Chairperson of KMEG. He thanked the council for their continued support and in particular for recently purchasing 13.7 acres of the Peninsula lands in Kenmare. The peninsula lands will create a unique park for Kenmare which will be hugely beneficial to the town. He particularly thanked the local councillors, Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen and Cllr. D. McCarthy and Mr. M. O'Donoghue for the bringing the sale to fruition.

The second Spokesperson (*Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request*) introduced herself and wished to acknowledge the excellent working relationship between KMEG and Kerry County Council. She explained that KMEG is currently working on another project where they have requested that Kerry County Council would consider purchasing the old Net factory site in Kenmare. The committee has envisaged that a creative hub would be located similar to the Creative Hub which is already established in Galway. This would be an opportunity to show case some of the work created by local artists. She reiterated the comments of the previous speaker and took the opportunity to thank the local councillors and in particular Ms. Siobhan Griffin for her involvement in this project.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen thanked the deputation for attending the meeting. He stated that the purchase of the Net factory site would be a very positive step for the town and would provide extra car parking facilities for Kenmare. The recent purchase of the Peninsula Lands has been very positive for Kenmare and it is hopeful that be similar a National Park for Kenmare.

Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the deputation. The purchase of the Peninsula lands in Kenmare and the regulating of the Casual Trading has been received very well in the town. Where he acknowledged that that the purchase of the old Net Factory site would be a huge boost to the town, the purchase of the Peninsula lands had to take preference and was hopeful that the council would be in a position to purchase this site in the near future.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the deputation and took the opportunity to welcome everyone to the meeting in Kenmare. He wished to be associated with the comments expressed by the previous speakers and said that one of the first notice of motions he submitted was requesting Kerry County Council to purchase the old Net Factory site. The establishment of the Men's Shed at this development, which would bring life back into the area.

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the deputation and wished to be associated with the comments expressed by the previous speakers. He welcomed the excellent working relationship between KMEG and Kerry County Council.

Cllr. M. O'Shea welcomed the deputation and wished to concur with the previous comments and particularly welcomed the proposal of the Creative Hub for Kenmare. He offered the deputation his full support.

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the deputation and commended them on their achievements to date. These projects will be hugely beneficial to the town and offered the deputation her full support with their proposal for the old Net Factory site.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue welcomed the deputation and thanked them for their kind words. He reiterated the excellent working relationship between KMEG and Kerry County Council and said that this has been a very positive year for Kenmare. He thanked the elected members and staff of Kerry County Council for their work and support and in particular Mr. P. Teahan, Ms. S Griffin, Mr. V Horgan and Mr. K O'Halloran. With reference to KMEG's proposal for the Ceann Mheara site, he undertook to meet with the deputation to discuss the matter further. He explained that two applications under the Rural Regeneration project have been submitted, one of which is for the site acquisition and development of Ceann Mheara.

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

(a) To consider the proposed N70 Brackaharagh Road Project and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon regarding section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 . 2018, to proceed with the proposed development in the Townland of Brackaharagh, Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry.

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

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. O' Shea and Seconded by Cllr. D. Quigg it was agreed to approve the proposed N70 Brackaharagh Road Project and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon regarding section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – 2018, to proceed with the proposed development in the Townland of Brackaharagh, Caherdaniel, Co. Kerry.**

(b) To consider the proposed Roundabout at N70 Corcoran's Cross, Milltown, Co Kerry and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon regarding section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 . 2018, to proceed with the proposed development in the Townland of Kilcolman, Milltown, Co. Kerry.

Mr. M. O'Donoghue went through the report and briefed the members on this report which was circulated to them.

**On the proposal of Cllr. M. O' Shea and seconded by Cllr. D. Quigg it was agreed to approve the the proposed Roundabout at N70 Corcoran's Cross, Milltown, Co Kerry and the Chief Executive's Report and Recommendations thereon regarding section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000-2017 and the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 – 2018, to proceed with the proposed development in the Townland of Kilcolman, Milltown, Co. Kerry.**

**( C )** To consider the Manager's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the proposed coastal revetment works at Rossbeigh, Glenbeigh.

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

**On the Proposal of Cllr. M. Cahill and seconded by Cllr. D. Quigg it was agreed to approve the Manager's Report and Recommendations thereon, in accordance with Section 179(3) of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Part 8 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (as amended), for the proposed coastal revetment works at Rossbeigh, Glenbeigh.**

Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the report and said that this is a hugely important project for Rossbeigh which forms part of the overall Cliff road project. He thanked his fellow councillors for supporting the project which has an overall cost of " 1.1m. Without this funding, many of the residents would have had no option but to relocate. He complimented the exceptional work of the engineers involved.

Cllr. D. Quigg wished to be associated with Cllr. Cahill's comments and believed that the deputation to Lenister House helped significantly towards the allocation to this project. He thanked the staff of Kerry County Council for bringing the project to this stage.

### **(a)28.09.18.02 To note update report from Economic and Community Development Directorate**

It was agreed to note the following report.

#### **BUSINESS SUPPORT UNIT (LEO)**

Work continues on recruitment of businesses to training supports and grant supports. The LEO continues to maintain a presence in Cahersiveen with scheduled clinics/meetings every week. (Thursdays)

A Digital Marketing Programme was recently completed in August with good interest and attendance. The %officelight+facility was used.

The 2018 LEO Food Academy Programme has been completed and a number of the successful participants were from the S & W MD area.

The office continues to engage with the the Uí Rathaigh taskforce group, SKDP and FLAG initiatives.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

##### **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)**

The Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF) is a Government Initiative under Project 2040. The fund is intended to drive regeneration and rejuvenation of strategic and underutilised areas within Ireland's five cities, key regional drivers and other large towns.

The fund will operate on a competitive, bid-based Exchequer grant basis, with proposals being required to demonstrate that they will be:

- Innovative and transformational urban regeneration projects;
- Public-sector led and with the option of community and/or private sector partners;
- Matched by at least 25% direct funding from other public and/or private sources;
- A minimum bid of " 2m;
- A catalyst for development that would not otherwise occur; and
- Likely to leverage significant further public and private sector investment.

The closing date for applications under this initial call is 12 midday on Friday, 28th September 2018.

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/urban-regeneration-and-development-fund/>

### **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund**

The Rural Regeneration and Development Fund is a Government Initiative under Project 2040. The Fund will provide investment to support rural renewal for suitable projects in towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000, and outlying areas.

The new Fund provides an unprecedented opportunity to support the revitalisation of rural Ireland, to make a significant and sustainable impact on rural communities, and to address de-population in small rural towns, villages and rural areas.

It will be a key instrument to support the objectives of the National Planning Framework, and in particular to achieve Strengthened Rural Economies and Communities . one of the National Strategic Outcomes of the NPF.

The objective of the new Fund is to support coordinated and integrated projects between Government Departments, State agencies, Local Authorities, other public bodies, communities and, where appropriate, philanthropic funders and/or the private sector, which will have an impact on sustainable economic and social development in rural areas.

Funding will be awarded through a competitive bid process, based on delivering the objectives for rural Ireland in the National Planning Framework.

The closing date for applications under this initial call is 12 midday 27th September 2018.

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

## **COMMUNITY**

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### **Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2018;**

The following Applications were made from the Sth & West Municipal District under this Scheme: Cahersiveen . Redevelopment of the Cahersiveen Resource Centre. Upgrading prominent protected structure located in centre of Cahersiveen Town to be used by local groups and Cahersiveen Community Resource Centre Ltd for service provision.

Dingle - The extension of the public car park adjacent to St. Mary's Church at Green St,

Killorglin - Killorglin Town Centre Project: This project sets out to address the dereliction and vacant properties that exist in the town.

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

Waterville - Accessible Improvements to Village Infrastructure in Waterville: Provide additional bus and car parking facilities to manage the significant traffic travelling on the Ring of Kerry through the village. The proposal is to extend the existing off-street car park on council-owned land.

Skellig CRI - A university outreach campus to facilitate, deliver and manage higher education and research in the Skellig Region through the promotion of Skellig CRI locally, nationally and internationally.

An announcement is expected in September.

## **Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2017**

Work is still ongoing to process the payments for 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.

The group has submitted the required paperwork and full payment has been made.

Commencement of work was delayed in Milltown but is now underway and it is intended to have work completed by end of October. This project involves Milltown Community & Chamber Alliance refurbishing the Muintir na Tíre Hall into a centre for the performing arts, a youth space and the construction of publicly accessible toilets.

The project in Kenmare is nearing completion and work is ongoing to process the payments.

## **Rural Hackney License**

There have been a number of queries under this scheme and one has been processed in the Sth & West area.

## **CLÁR**

**The following is the list of successful projects under Measures 1 and 2.**

Measure 1 . Safety Measures for Schools

Caherdaniel National School " 50,000

St Finian's Waterville " 37,000

Aghatubrid Cahersiveen " 17,000

Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Trúigh " 10,000

## **Measure 2 – Facilities**

Fybough NS \_ " 50,569

Boheshill, Glencar " 50,000

## **Community Support Fund 2017 and 2018**

As reported previously, Anthony Taggart is continuing to process the Community Support Fund payments. A number of groups (14 in total) remain to be paid for the 2017 Community Support Fund and these groups have been contacted with a view to closing these files.

Of the 81 projects approved under the 2018 Scheme 54 groups have received the 1<sup>st</sup> payment and 25 files have been completed to date.

Meetings have been held with groups regarding difficulties that they may have with the administration requirements.

## **LEADER and SKDP**

The MD Officer is the Kerry Co Co nominee on the LEADER evaluation committee. A number of meetings have been held during the last few months.

## **Rural Regeneration Scheme**

This scheme was announced in July and work has been ongoing to promote the scheme and identity strategic projects. A comprehensive list was submitted for consideration from the Sth & West Municipal District.

## **Kenmare Enterprise Town**

Bank of Ireland Enterprise town aims to showcase business and enterprise activity in local towns to a panel of judges. Kenmare has been selected as one of the towns to represent Kerry and adjudication is taking place on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Meetings have been held locally to prepare for this event.

## **Socio Economic Plans**

Work in Killorglin is nearing completion and the plans findings will influence the structure and direction of the Killorglin Chamber Alliance. Kenmare is the next town that the appointed consultant, Ian Dempsey will work with. The project is being funded by LEADER with support from Kerry Co Co.

## **REDZ**

A balance of REDZ payment was made available to Killorglin Chamber Alliance and a website is being developed as result. Work is ongoing on this.

## **Kerry Age Friendly Programme Update**

### **1. The Kerry Age Friendly Strategy:**

- The Age Friendly Steering Group approved the draft Strategy in April and the next stage Agency consultation was approved.
- The draft Strategy and work programme was approved by Kerry Co Co at a full Council Meeting in April.
- The Older People's Council reviewed the draft report and actions at 2 half day sessions in May and June
- A presentation was made to the LCDC on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.
- The draft was considered by Kerry Co Co Senior Management Team on 24<sup>th</sup> July.
- The amended Strategy Report was circulated to Agency stakeholders, to the LCDC and Steering Group members for final comment with a closing date of 17<sup>th</sup> August. Inputs were received from the following; KCC Planning Dept., KCC Housing Dept., Kerry LEO, Local Link Kerry, HSE Community Work Dept., SKDP Ltd, NEWKD Ltd., IRD Duhallow Ltd., Healthy Ireland (Healthy Kerry), Kerry Co Library. ICMSA member of LCDC, Seancháirde. In addition, a presentation was made to the Kerry PPN where the strategy and PPN's role was approved and also to a sub committee of the JPC. A further meeting was held with the KETB.
- The Strategy was formally approved at the LCDC (sitting as the A F Alliance) on September 3rd and is now being forwarded for noting and approval to the September meeting of Kerry Co Co
- An annual work plan will be produced . the first will cover the work programme up to end of 2019.
- The formal Launch will be held in mid October.
- WHO Affiliation . Kerry has been included as part of the WHO AF network

### **2. The current Work Programme includes the following;**

Launch of Plan . October (with annual action plan)

Community Enhancement Scheme 2018 . 100% allocated to Age Friendly initiatives.

Public Realm Training . November 28<sup>th</sup> 2018 . Jack Keyes has confirmed this.

Garden/Home Maintenance Projects . ensuring that gardens are future proofed to enable continued maintenance/Community Safety . 2 projects funded under Community Enhancement Programme and a meeting has been held with RSS team in SKDP area to extend the scheme to the full county.

Killarney Accessible Tourism Project . work is ongoing.

Age Friendly Village/Town . agreement to proceed and a number of towns being considered.

Seomra Scheme . continued promotion of this project to create comfortable meeting spaces in Community centres . a number completed.

Age Friendly Library . Kerry Co Library agreement to pursue this has been reached.

Best Practice Awards . agreed to request Kerry Community Awards to consider Age Friendly Awards as part of the programme.

## PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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### Archaeology

A Second season of excavation of the early Neolithic portal tomb in Killaclohane, Wood, Milltown was completed in June. Analysis of material and results will be carried out over the next few months but it appears to be of a similar date to the other tomb in Killaclohane which was excavated and conserved in 2015. It is hoped that a third tomb in the adjoining townland of Brackhill will be investigated in the coming years completing work in the area.

The ADAPT Northern Heritage EU INTERREG Project visited Ballinskelligs on the 24<sup>th</sup> August. Ballinskelligs Abbey, Graveyard and Castle are the Irish test sites for the project which is looking at the effects of climate change on cultural heritage. The project had a series of meetings and workshops with the main stakeholders and local groups followed by public lectures, exhibition and guided tour of the monuments as part of National Heritage Week.

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### (b) Notice of Motion

**1.Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council provide details of how many planning applications for houses have been sought in the last 2 years and how many have been granted in the South & west Municipal District.

**Reply:** The table below outlines the following:

- Number of planning applications received for single residential houses in the South and West Municipal District during the period 01/01/2016 . 31/07/2018
- Number of permissions granted by KCC Planning Authority for single residential houses in the South and West Municipal District during the period 01/01/2016 . 31/07/2018.

**Note:** Decisions on some applications lodged prior to July 2018 may not have been processed, as further information has been requested / remains to be submitted.

Year	Single Residential Houses Received	Single Residential Houses Granted
2016	100	65
2017	103	82
Jan-July 2018	67	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>189</b>

The table below outlines the following:

- Number of planning applications received for multi residential (2 or more) houses in the South and West Municipal District during the period 01/01/2016 . 31/07/2018
- Number of permissions granted by KCC Planning Authority for multi residential houses in the South and West Municipal District during the period 01/01/2016 . 31/07/2018



Note: Decisions on some applications lodged prior to July 2018 may not have been processed, as further information has been requested / remains to be submitted.

Year	Multi Residential Applications Received	No. of Units	Multi Residential Applications Granted	No. of Units Granted
2016	13	92	7	57
2017	25	253	13	140
Jan-July 2018	9	110	5	32
Total	47	455	25	229

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae** noted the response and said he was glad to see that a significant number of planning applications for single dwellings had been granted and didn't agree with some of the planning restrictions associated with single dwellings. Family members should be accommodated where they have a farm. He referred to a recent application where planning was refused as the house was visible from the road. He said he didn't believe that this was a valid reason to refuse planning and not a common-sense approach. He asked that planners would be mindful of this in the future.

**2. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council who has the service contract to service and maintain the counties defibrillators and how often are they maintained. Recently when one was called upon recently in a local town it was not working.

**Reply:** There are a number of companies that supply Defibrillators to community groups, businesses and organisations. There is a responsibility on the group/organisation that had the Defibrillator installed to carry out regular checks to ensure that all is in order. Many groups have maintenance contracts with the company from which the equipment is purchased which incurs a cost. A group called Community First Responders Ireland has developed best practice guidelines for Defibrillator projects and their maintenance.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea** stated that defibrillators are a very important piece of equipment for the community and it is very important that they are fully functional. He referred to a recent incident where the defibrillator failed to work and asked if there is an onus on Kerry County Council to ensure that all defibrillators are fully serviced on a regular basis. A substantial amount of the Community Support funding is allocated towards the purchase of defibrillators.

**Ms. S. Griffin** undertook to discuss the matter further with **Cllr. M. O' Shea**.

**3. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council come to the assistance of the Business Community in Caherciveen and throughout the Iveragh Peninsula as a matter of extreme urgency. The ongoing closures of businesses in Caherciveen and throughout Iveragh can not be allowed to continue and measures must be taken to halt and reverse these closures. Measures must also be taken to halt the continuous emigration and population decline and strong Political and community support for the South Kerry Greenway is required to help achieve this The Council should also consider the provision of a dedicated Town Planner for Caherciveen as this may also help address some of these most serious matters.

**Reply:** The Planning Policy Unit of Kerry County Council has commenced a Local Area Plan for West Iveragh and the Draft will be available for public consultation in the coming weeks. This is an important element in the development of this area and allows for public engagement in relation to its future. As part of the Local Area Plan, the Council will identify areas which are in decline and which

have substantial vacant properties and will target these areas for development through incentives. Kerry County Council has also been very proactive in the area with the development of the Skellig Cri project as a member of the Iveragh Task Force and in being the lead partner in the development of the South Kerry Greenway which will have a transformative effect on the region when complete. The Council has also engaged proactively with Failte Ireland in relation to the delivery of the Skellig Coast Visitor Experience Plan and is working on such major projects as the development of the UNESCO designation for Valentia and also in relation to the Wild Atlantic Way Bray Head Signature Points. The Local Enterprise Office has engaged on a practical level with businesses in Caherciveen and will continue to support them in relation to training, on-line supports and other technical supports. Over the past five years the Council has devoted significant resources to the area, recognising the challenges that exist with an aging and declining population and will continue to work with Local Development Agencies, the local Community and Public Representatives to develop the potential of the area.

**Cllr. M. Cahill referred to the recent business closures in Caherciveen and said that the town has become a blackspot. He asked that Kerry County Council would endeavour to prevent any further closures in the town. There is a lot of dereliction in the town and called upon the council to introduce an Arts Scheme to make it more attractive. The construction of the South Kerry Greenway is crucial for the future of the town and it is important that landowners are aware that they will be compensated and given an annual maintenance cost. If the land isn't acquired there will be no Greenway.**

**Cllr. M. O' Shea wished to support Cllr. M. Cahill's comments and called upon all state agencies, TD's and councillors to show their support for the Greenway. Caherciveen is on its knees and the South Kerry Greenway is the lifeline it needs.**

**Cllr. N Moriarty also wished to support the Notice of Motion and said that the residents on the east side of the town have done a lot of work to improve their area. The council must encourage development, build homes to rent and get more families to move into the town. She acknowledged that the narrowness of the streets prohibits certain works and suggested that a plaza would be introduced in the town similar to what is already in place in Killarney. It is unfortunate that a lot of the scenic areas isn't visible from the town. In reference to the Greenway, she said the crucial thing is that the public make a submission and reminded everybody that the closing date for submissions is 19<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that he wanted to clarify that nobody is against the Greenway. In advance of the planning application been lodged to An Bord Pleanála, the CPO went before full council and was approved by the members. He said he believed that it is wrong to insinuate that political personnel are delaying the Greenway.**

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen concurred with the previous comments and stated that everybody wants the Greenway. He said he didn't agree with the signage indicating "Yes to the Greenway No to the CPO" and said that the public need to be aware that if the council is only required to CPO a small portion of land the whole project has to undergo a CPO process.**

### **(c ) Question**

**1. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that the development levies of the new development at Ard Na Greine Milltown 18631, 632 and 633 would be retained in Milltown to improve lighting on the L4035 on the N70 leading to the graveyard and on the L8009 leading to Knockvota and Laurel Avenue estate as the lighting on these routes are extremely poor.

**Reply:** Further information has been requested in relation to Pl. Refs 18-631, 18-632 and 18-633 and these applications are, therefore, currently under consideration by the Council and to comment specifically on these applications is not appropriate at this time.

In relation to Kerry County Councils Development Contribution Scheme generally, the scheme was prepared and adopted pursuant to section 48 of the Planning and Development Acts in July 2017.

Development levies under this scheme used to provide roads & transportation infrastructure and community & amenity projects county wide. It is not possible under this scheme to ringfence development contributions payable by one development for a single piece of infrastructure at a specific location.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea noted the response and said that is one of the biggest planning applications currently lodged for the county. It is crucial that more infrastructure is invested into Milltown to accommodate the future development of the town.**

**2. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council what steps are they going to take to address the derelict building adjoining (Details with Directorate) the old post office on the Castlemaine Tralee road, this structure has been in a decaying state with many years and it is absolutely destroying the entrance to the village as you come from the N70.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council is aware of the building in question which is on the Councils Derelict Sites Register. The council recognises the negative impact that derelict buildings have on the visual appearance of our towns and villages across the county. All options are being examined with a view to addressing the dereliction at this location and in this regard, there has been some recent engagement with the owner of the property in question.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that dereliction is a huge problem in every town and village in the county. A number of years ago when the same problem existed in Milltown, Kerry County Council took over the estate. In reference to this particular building, he explained that the roof has collapsed, and the building is veering out on to the street. He said that he didn't agree with listing protected structures as they can become an eyesore and the property been listed can prohibit developers from investing in the renovation of these properties which can have a negative impact on the appearance of the town.**

**In response, Mr. G. O' Brien stated that the addition and deletion of structures from the record of protected structure is a reserved function and agreed to convey Cllr. O' Shea's view to the conservation Officer and Planning Department. The council is familiar with the site referred to in the notice of motion and discussion are ongoing with the owners of the property. He confirmed that the CPO process is the last resort.**

**28.09.18.03 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**

## **Draft County of Kerry (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial waste) Bye Laws 2018**

The Draft County of Kerry (Segregation, Storage and Presentation of Household and Commercial waste) Bye Laws 2018 were published on the 13<sup>th</sup> July last. The draft Bye Laws are currently out for public consultation and the closing date for receipt of submissions is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Copies of the Bye Laws can be inspected at all Kerry County Council offices and libraries and on the council website [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie)

## **Grant award from EPA to Kerry County Council for implementation of waste prevention projects through the Local Authority Prevention Network (LAPN).**

Kerry County Council has been awarded a grant of " 8240 under the National Waste Prevention Programme Local Authority Prevention Network 2018. This funding will cover the provision of triple compartment bins and water refill stations at food festivals along with publicity relating to Food Waste Prevention.

## **Kerry County Council signs up to GLAN Project**

GLAN (Green Local Area Network) is a new initiative by An Taisce for businesses and organisations to pledge their support by implementing small environmental changes in their day to day operations. Following a successful trial in Dingle, the initiative is now being rolled out in Tralee and it is expected that it will be replicated throughout the county and beyond.

## **Fire Services**

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

### **Fire Safety and Prevention:**

Fire Officers carried out Inspections of premises on foot of licensing applications and forwarded Fire Officers' recommendations to the relevant Courts during August 2017. This is the busiest time of the year with the licensing courts taking place throughout September and into October.

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

Fire Officers carried out pre-performance fire safety inspections at the Dome in Tralee in advance of Rose of Tralee Event 2017.

### **Building Control:**

The number of Commencement Notices/ 7 Day Notices received to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2018 was 376 which is: An increase of 16.05 % on the figure of 324 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 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2018 a total of 84 Disability Access Certificate applications and a total of 106 new Fire Safety Certificate applications had been received. This represents:

- an increase of 47.37% in Disability Access Certificate applications and
- an increase of 27.71% in Fire Safety Certificate applications over the same period in 2017.

<b>Building Control</b>	<b>2017 Jan-Aug</b>	<b>2018 Jan-Aug</b>
Fire Safety Certificate Applications Received	83	106
Disability Access Certificate Applications Received	57	84
Commencement Notices/7-day Notices Received	324	376

## Fire Service Operations:

Fire Service Operations	2017 Jan-Aug	2018 Jan-Aug
<b>Fires</b>		
Chimney Fires	69	72
Gorse Fires	172	186
Other Fires	140	135
<b>Fires Number</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>393</b>
<b>Special Services</b>		
Entrapment	6	17
Gas/Chemicals	1	0
Hazardous substances in transit not involving fire	0	0
Hazardous Substances non Transit	0	0
Machinery	1	1
Miscellaneous	43	60
Other rescue	26	24
Rescue/Removal of persons from water	2	1
Road traffic accident	79	84
Water pumping/flooding	1	7
<b>Special Services Number</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>False Alarms</b>		
Malicious	16	3
Good Intent	80	83
<b>False Alarms Number</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Total Number of Incidents</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>673</b>
<b>Total Number of Mobilisations</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>802</b>

## Library Services

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

### ~ Cultural Archive Award

As part of the Creative Ireland: Kerry programme, Kerry Library is inviting applications for a Cultural Archive Award with the aim of developing or preserving an archive with the intended cultural impact of preserving such material for future generations.

A one-off grant of €1,000 for a single project in each Municipal District will be made. Members of the Kerry County Council Creative Ireland Cultural Team will evaluate applications. The fund is limited, and eligible applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis. The application is now available on the Kerry Library website, [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie) and [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie) and the submission deadline is Monday, 8 October 2018. Applications may be submitted by hand or by post to Kerry Library, Moyderwell, Tralee, Co. Kerry or e-mailed to [localhistory@kerrylibrary.ie](mailto:localhistory@kerrylibrary.ie)

## “ **Summer Reading programme**

The Children’s Reading programme 2018 - **Summer Stars** – took place at all Kerry Libraries and most public libraries nationally throughout the country this summer . from Saturday, 30 June . Saturday, 25 August, with approximately 1,000 children participating in Kerry. Summer Stars is a free programme, open to all children, to encourage them to keep reading over the school holiday period.

At the end of the programme all children who completed the challenge are invited to attend an Awards event at their local library where a certificate and a library gift pack is presented. Parents/guardians are also invited. These Awards were presented at each library during end August / September by the Cathaoirleach, Kerry Co. Council or the Cathaoirleach of each Municipal District, each scheduled to present the Awards in at least one library. Cllr. Norma Moriarty, Cathaoirleach, South & West Kerry Municipal District presented the Awards at both Caherciveen & Dingle libraries.

## É **New Mobile Library**

The Library national Capital Investment programme 2016 . 2021 allocated funding of ” 22m. from the Dept. of the Environment, Community and Local Government towards 16 library developments country wide. Kerry Library was allocated ” 0.25m towards the replacement of a Mobile Library [this vehicle dated from 2004 and was deemed unroadworthy following a negative CVR test]. Following a public tender, the contract for the supply of the new Mobile Library to Kerry County Council was awarded to Patrick Cahill (Graigenamanagh) Ltd., High Street, Graigenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny. The new vehicle was delivered to Kerry Library on Wednesday, 22 August.

Following re-stocking and a vehicle induction programme for staff and drivers, a fortnightly Mobile Library service throughout the county will resume on 1 October.

## “ **Technology**

Following receipt of a grant from the Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government in late 2017, Kerry Library will shortly be introducing a self-service facility for users to check in and check out books. In association with this, all library books across the service have been RFID tagged to allow easier retrieval of books while security gates and a people counter system have also been installed. This self-service facility will be optional and library staff will still be available at all times at library desks to assist users with any queries.

## “ **Kerry Library events programme**

Details of events at all libraries available at [www.kerrylibrary.ie](http://www.kerrylibrary.ie)

# **SOUTH AND WEST KERRY MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING**

**Clár Infheistíochta na Seirbhísi Uisce Comhairle Contae Chiarraí**  
**Kerry County Council Water Services Investment Programme**  
 Achoimre Stádais ar an 18ú Meán Fómhair 2018  
 Status Summary at 18<sup>th</sup> September 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</b> <b>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. Official Opening took place on 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018.
<b>Mountain Stage WSS</b>	Contractor Veolia to commence construction of a new <b>Water Treatment Plant</b> in October; 'advance archaeological and site clearance works are already underway; Works to be completed in one year.
<b>Lauragh WTP</b>	Water quality of the newly drilled well source is very good. Upgrade Works to the <b>Water Treatment Plant</b> will be done by Contract later in 2018.
<b>Kilgarvan WTP</b>	A further <b>€500,000 upgrade</b> to the treatment process is underway and due for <b>completion in late 2018</b> .
<b>TIONSCNAIMH FUÍOLLUISCE CHIARRAÍ THEAS AGUS THIAM</b> <b>WASTEWATER PROJECTS IN THE SOUTH AND WEST KERRY AREA</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Castlemaine Waste Water</b>	Tenders, as part of a bundle with other WWTPs (in other counties) were received by IW in July 2018 for a proposed circa <b>€1.3M upgrade of the Waste Water Treatment Plant</b> ; Construction is planned for 2019.
<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. A Flow / Loading Survey was completed in August 18. A <b>Planning</b> Application will be lodged later this year. Planned for construction in 2021.
<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>			
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Status</b>
Mid Kerry RWSS <b>Mains Board Of Works Rd</b>	Replace 820M of 300mm Trunk Main west of Gap Cross	" 230,000	Complete
<b>Dún Chaoin WSS</b>	Replace 850M of 110MM water main <b>(560M done 2016)</b>	" 95,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS <b>Shannera Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.55Km of 2+and 3+PVC mains with 100MM pipe	" 202,000	Complete
Mid Kerry RWSS <b>Cappagh North Kilgobnet</b>	Replace 1.75Km of 3+ PVC mains with 100MM pipe	" 228,000	Complete
Castlecove WSS <b>Behaghane</b>	Lay 480M of 110MM uPVC water main	" 48,000	Complete
Caherdaniel WSS	Lay 60M of 90MM uPVC water main	" 6,000	Complete
CRWSS Castlemaine Ballyrameen	Replace 3Km of 200MM AC watermain with 160MM uPVC pipe	" 467,000	Complete by <b>Contractor Coffey N. Ltd</b>
<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	<b>Underway</b>
*Mid Kerry RWSS <b>Killorglin*</b>	*Lay 660M of 160MM main <b>Laune Bridge to Astellas</b>	" 161,000	<b>Underway</b>
Portmagee WSS <b>Knightstown</b>	Provision of Reservoir, 1830M rising Main and 650M distribution mains	" 275,000	<b>Pipes laid, site acquired and Planning process for Reservoir complete . to Tender Sept '18.</b>
<b>Baile An Fheirtéaraigh WSS - An Cat Dubh</b>	Replace mains and lay new mains; 385M/160MM, 445M/110MM, and 520M/65MM	" 95,000	<b>Underway</b>
An Daingean WSS <b>Dingle new Relief Rd</b>	Lay 400M of 200MM uPVC water main in conjunction with road construction	" 45,000	<b>Underway</b>
Emlaghpeasta WSS <b>Aghagadda</b>	Lay 1800M of 160MM uPVC water main	" 216,000	<b>Underway</b>
Cahersiveen Water	Provide standby Ozone	" 65,000	<b>Underway by</b>



Treatment Plant, <b>Coulagh</b>	<b>Coulagh WTP</b>		Contractor EPS
			<b>Continued....</b>
Mountain Stage WSS <b>Droum, Glenbeigh</b>	Replace 750M of 100MM behind / north of shop	" 98,000	<b>Underway</b> by Contractor MEIC Ltd
<b>Castlegregory Waste Water Treatment Plant</b>	Plant Upgrade; KCC made submission to IW requesting funding of " 1.2M in June 2018; New site acquired	" 300,000	Approved
<b>Baile an Fheirtéaraigh</b>	Upgrade Waste Water Plant	" 230,000	Approved
<b>An Daingean WSS</b>	Goat St: Replace 500M of 200MM water main	" 45,000	Approved
<b>Mid Kerry RWSS 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 APPROVED Works yet to be done:</b>		<b>€1,000,000</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. Submissions for the next **Multi-Annual Rural Water Programme** will be sought by the Dept in the coming weeks.

### Takeover of Group Schemes

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

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

**Funding 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.

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

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

**1. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would request Irish water to lay a new pipe in Kilgarvan as it is continuously bursting lately.

**Reply:** A malfunctioning Pressure Reducing Valve resulted in higher than normal pressure in this 100MM water main from the treatment plant to the reservoir in Kilgarvan. This PRV has now been repaired and there have been no further breaks in the water main.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae thanked Mr. Mangan and Mr. C O'Leary for their work involved in resolving the issue and said that the recent outage was no more than a couple of hours. He referred to the Dawros Water Treatment Plant and asked that it would be utilised for Kenmare town.**

**In response Colm Mangan agreed about the use of the Dawros supply to supplement the newly upgraded Kenmare Water Supply Scheme. The Dawros scheme does supply a significant area in Kenmare town. Indeed, the Kilgarvan Water Supply Scheme can also be used to serve the eastern end of Kenmare, if required. Water supply is not currently an issue in Kenmare - the limiting factor for development in Kenmare is the waste water treatment plant, which is operating at capacity.**

**2. Cllr. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Has a feasibility study been carried out for the provision of a new or upgraded Kenmare Sewerage Treatment plant?

**Reply:** The proposed Upgrade of the Kenmare Sewerage Scheme Wastewater Treatment Plant is included in Irish Water's current **Capital Investment Programme**. Irish Water has appointed a Consulting Engineer to assist in progressing the project. A Flow / Loading Survey was completed in August 2018. Work is currently ongoing on preparing the **Planning Application** and Irish Water intends to lodge the application in the first quarter of 2019.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the response and said that the upgrade is required.**

**3. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask what is the next step for the four houses on Old Chapel Road Milltown, who have been served water from a pipe along the back field, where the land is now owned by Kerry County Council and social houses will be erected there in the coming twelve months.

**Reply:** Three of the four houses are already connected to the existing water main along the Old Chapel Lane. A connection to this main will be provided to service the other dwelling house from the front. The old watermain in the field will be cut off / made obsolete.

**Cllr. M. O'Shea thanked Mr. C. Mangan for the response.**

### **(c ) Questions**

**1. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** Irish Water did replace some 800m of Pipe on the Bord of Works road some months ago this Section needs to be re surfaced as it is in very rough condition.

**Reply:** Temporary road restoration has taken place on the trench along the 800M of water main replaced in early 2018. This temporary surface and the patchwork nature of the other side of the road, due to repairs to the water pipe over the years, result in a relatively poor surface on this Local Primary Road.

The Council's Operations and Water Services departments are in consultation on how best to approach / fund the permanent restoration of this length of the Board Of Works Road.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen** stated that he has previously raised this matter. He explained that this is a very busy road which leads up to the foot of Carruntoohil and is travelled very frequently by tourists and is particularly unsatisfactory for the residents who travel it on a regular basis. In addition, he requested that the council would examine a section down from this road that also requires resurfacing works.

In response **Mr. P. Teahan** said he was confident that funding for the road will be provided under the Roads Restoration Grant and agreed to carry out maintenance works in the interim.

**2. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that Kerry County Council would provide access for all at Inch beach including a platform style board walk and shower facilities.

**Reply:** In 2017 Kerry County Council received grant funding and carried out works to improve traffic management and access to inch beach for all beach users. This included the provision of a board walk along part of the beach. Earlier this year a grant application was made through the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme for the provision of 2 outdoor showers at Inch beach and the provision of approximately 150sqm of temporary boardwalk to improve %Access for All+at the beach. Following a recent funding announcement, an allocation of " 20,000 has been granted to carry out this work.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea** welcomed the response and thanked all involved in submitting the application.

**28.09.18.03 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	990
Net Need for S&W MD (excluding transfers)	752
No. of applications received this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	160
No. of applications approved since the start of this year who have selected an area within this MD as an area of choice	152

### **Breakdown by Bed No.**

1-Bed	477
2-Bed	308
3-Bed	183
4-Bed	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>990</b>

- **Void Management**

<b>Municipal District breakdown</b>	<b><u>No</u></b>
Current no. of dwellings under repair and unallocated	3
Current no. of dwellings under repair and allocated	1
Current no. of dwellings awaiting repairs	8
Current no. of repaired dwellings awaiting allocation	4
Current no. of repaired dwellings allocated awaiting occupation	1
<b>Total No of Vacant dwellings in Municipal District</b>	<b>17</b>

- **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	21	994
RAS	9	136
Leasing	4	79
HAP	49	86
<b>Total no of Tenancies</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>1295</b>

#### 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 Site, Milltown	8 No.	4 No. 2 bed 4 No. 3 bed	Dec. 2018	Nov. 2019
Owngarry, Killorglin	1 No.	4 bed SRD	Jan 2019	Nov. 2019
Ardmoniel, Killorglin	14 No.	14 No. 2 bed	April 2019	April 2020
Drom West, Glenbeigh	1 No.	3 bed SRD	May 2019	Mar. 2020
Ballnakilly, Glenbeigh	1 No.	4 bed SRD	June 2019	April 2020
<b>Turnkey:</b> 7 of the 10 houses in the Lispole Turnkey Project have been completed and acquired.				

##### 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>
Caherciveen Social Services (AHB)	5 No.	5 No. 2 bed	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018
Callinafercy, Milltown	1 No.	3 bed	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018
Cahernaboshina, Ventry	1 No.	3 bed	Nov. 2017	Oct. 2018
Gortamullin, Kenmare	22 No.	10 No. 2 bed 12 No. 3 bed	Dec. 2017	Dec. 2018
Tullig Beg, Cromane	1 No.	3 bed	Aug. 2018	June 2019
Meanus, Killorglin	1 No.	3 bed	Sept. 2018	July 2019

##### 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>
Kenmare	1	3 bed	July
Dingle	1	3 bed	August
The purchase of a further 6 houses is progressing.			

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

Since 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018, 823 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, 81 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 Motion**

**1. Cllr. J Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would ensure that the Tenancy Management Unit is sufficiently staffed to deal with residents' association in Council Housing Estates and help set them up where there are none.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council has a very active tenancy management function that works across all four Municipal Districts. The team deals with all issues relating to tenancy management from signing of tenancies, Anti-Social behaviour management and joint initiatives with resident association and other public and private bodies.

The tenancy management function supports many residents associations with advice on operating models, financial support and guidance on funding applications. The team also takes a very pro-active role in nurturing new resident associations at the establishment stage and actively encourage tenants' involvement in those associations. We continuously welcome new initiatives to start resident associations by tenants and will support them in any way feasible. In 2018 Kerry County Council has made financial contributions to 36 different associations year to date.

At this point in time, given competing demands corporately and elsewhere within Housing, the unit is adequately staffed to undertake these functions and there is no plan to increase resources in this area.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae noted the response and asked that a designated member of staff would be employed to liaise with resident associations.**

**Mr. M O' Donoghue responded that Kerry County Council has designated staff to deal with the Tenancy Management area and have positive relationships with residents' association.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae referred to the provision of Transient houses in estates and said he believed that this type of accommodation wasn't suitable in housing estates. Situations have arisen where the occupants of these properties have caused unrest in the estate and in other scenarios, the occupants have settled very well into the estate and want to stay. It can be very unfair to the other tenants who are paying their rent. It would appear where a house is used as a Transient house, it never reverts to a property with full tenancy.**

**In response Mr. M. O' Donoghue said he didn't accept that allocating accommodation on a short - term basis doesn't work and is satisfied that this approach is not only necessary but has proven to be . It is a necessary part of the resolution and solutions to current emergency accommodation needs. He acknowledged that there has been a small number of isolated cases but stressed that this has been the exception. The matter of the Councils current Anti Social Behaviour Policy has been referred to the Housing SPC for consideration at its next meeting.**

**2.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** That Kerry County Council carry out a comprehensive programme of house building of two bedroom houses.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council are currently building 2 bedroom houses at the following locations in the S&W MD :

4No 2 bed and 4 No 3 bed in Milltown

14 No 2 bed in Ardmoniel Killorglin

10 No 2-bed and 12No 3-bed in Kenmare

The house types to be constructed are based on the need in the area as well as financial considerations.

Kerry County Council is also delivering 2 bed apartments and houses through the Approved Housing Bodies programmes.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen noted the response and said that it has come to his attention that there is a significant demand for two- bedroom houses.**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty wished to support the notice of motion.**

**In response to a query from Cllr. J. F. Flynn regarding an update on the 14 houses in Killorglin, Mr. M O' Donoghue replied that a re-design was requested by the Department and construction is due to commence in 2019 and for completion in 2020.**

**3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** How many applicants of different Nationalities are on the housing list in Dingle?

**Reply:** This data is collection as part of the Housing Application process under the standard application form used nationally.

There are a total of 203 qualified social housing applicants who have chosen Dingle as an area of choice. 86 applicants have chosen Dingle as their first choice.

Of the 86 applicants with Dingle as their first area of choice 66 are Irish Citizens and 20 are citizens of other European Economic Area(EEA) countries.

## **(b ) Questions**

**1.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council engage with all Voluntary Housing Groups in Kerry as a matter of priority with a view to addressing the Housing crisis by providing greatly needed Housing Schemes for our Senior Citizens in all Towns and Villages throughout the county.

**Reply:** The Housing Department of Kerry County Council actively engages with Approved Housing Bodies in relation to the provision of housing. To-date in 2018 we have received preliminary

approval for the construction of 126 housing units, the acquisition of 82 housing units and the long-term leasing of 72 housing units through Approved Housing Bodies. We are always open to discussing new projects with any Approved Housing Body that is regulated under the Voluntary Regulation Code, which covers such matters as governance, management and financial capabilities of the Approved Housing Body.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and said that it appears that Voluntary Housing Bodies can acquire housing easier than the Local Authorities. Senior Citizens need to be close to local services and asked that the council would continue to work closely with the voluntary bodies.**

**Mr. M O' Donoghue replied that Approved Housing Bodies are key stakeholders in the delivery of Housing Projects and have an excellent working relationship with Kerry County Council. Currently there are a number of AHB, Housing projects progressing in the county and this programme is a key part of the overall programme. He explained that the approved bodies have different arrangements on some categories of projects and for certain projects are in a position to make stage payments.**

**2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** That an affordable sites scheme is reintroduced again.

**Reply:** At present there is no affordable sites scheme in operation. The reintroduction of the affordable sites scheme is a matter for the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen stated he has been contacted by a number of people who are interested in availing of the scheme.**

**Cllr. N. Moriarty wished to support the notice of motion.**

**Mr. M. O' Donoghue replied that this a matter for consideration by the Department.**

**It was agreed that a letter would issue to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government requesting the scheme to be reintroduced.**

**3. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Has Kerry County Council made any progress in progressing the building of local authority houses in any of the Dingle Peninsula?

**Reply:** Kerry County Council have Departmental approval to purchase 10 Turnkey houses in Lispole. 7 houses have already been completed with 3 more to be completed before the end of 2018. The housing capital section is currently building one single rural dwelling on the Dingle peninsula. Kerry County Council is actively seeking land for Social Housing construction in the Dingle Peninsula.

## **28.09.18.05 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 – 28th September 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 is ongoing. It is anticipated that the CPO/EIAR will be published in Q4 2018, subject to TII approval.

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

- Three options have been identified and are being appraised.
- Consultation will take place on the proposals in Q4 2018.

N70 Creamery Cross

- Consultation on the proposals is underway.
- Part 8 process to be undertaken in 2019.

N70 Waterville to Ballybrack

- Preliminary Design is complete. Consultation with affected landowners has been ongoing.
- The Project is being AA Screened again having regard to 2018 ECJ ruling. Statutory Consent may be by Section 177AE instead of Part 8.

N70 Brackaharagh

- Part 8 to be considered at South & West MD Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

N70 Castlemaine to Milltown

- Public Consultation on route options took place in August 2018.
- Route Selection Report due to be completed in Q4 2018.

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

- Land requirements and constraints are being examined before consultation takes place in Q4 2018. Structural consultants are currently being procured to identify suitable retaining wall structures.

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

- Land acquisition is progressing.

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

- Contract Documents for the procurement of a consultant for this next phase of the N86 are in preparation. It is expected that the tender will be published in Q4 2018, subject to TII approval.

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

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

- Road is fully open to traffic and works are approaching substantial completion.

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

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

N70 Coolcorcoran Cross Roundabout

- Part 8 to be considered at South & West MD Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Kerry, Cork & Clare Bridge Rehabilitation Contract B - 2018 Allocation

- Construction is ongoing and on programme at Ballynamona Upper Bridge on the N70.
- Works will be complete shortly.

**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	Tinnahally to Mill Road, Killorglin.	1,300	" 100,000	Tenders have been received and are being evaluated at present. It is currently programmed that the main contract works will commence in Q4, 2018.  The scheme been extended to incorporate the section of the N70 from Kennedys Cross to Bansha.
N70	Dromquinna	900	" 600,000	The Tender for these works is due to be published in late September 2018

**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 detailed design is being developed to carry out pavement strengthening on this section of the Ring of Kerry.  The tender will be issued shortly.
N71	Carhoomengar to Kenmare	5,100	-	TII have approved this scheme to proceed to design stage. The Council are proposing to TII that safety measures including the provision of a footpath to Ard Bhearna are included in the scheme. A Design Report is being prepared and will be submitted to TII during Q4, 2018.

## 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)	These works are now substantially complete.
Dingle Inner Relief Road - Phase 4	" 1,800,000	The construction phase of the scheme is progressing and 100% completion by Q2, 2019 is being targeted.

## Other Road and Public Area Works Programmes

### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure**

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

The Planning Application and CPO documentation has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála (ABP). All submissions on either the planning application or the CPO must be made to ABP no later than Friday, October 19th 2018. Copies of the planning application and CPO are available for inspection at the Killorglin Area Office, the Cahirciveen Area Office or the Capital Infrastructure offices in Tralee. They are also available on the Council website [www.kerrycoco.ie](http://www.kerrycoco.ie). 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

" 150,000 allocated to continue the stabilisation of Ballinskelligs Pier. The Contract works are scheduled to commence in October 2018.

### Public Lighting Report regarding Maintenance

No. of faults reported since last meeting: 10

No. of faults repaired within 12 working days (since last meeting . incl. routine maintenance): 81

No. of faults repaired outside 12 working days: 7

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	Works substantially complete, lining to be done
L-4010	Doory towards Mastergeehy	RR	1,000	" 135,000	Works Complete
L-11595	Coomatloukane (End of Bunavalla Pier road)	RR	800	" 68,000	Works Complete
L-7800	Riverview Estate, Cahersiveen	RR	436	" 93,013	Works to start in early October
L-11632	Killeenleigh Cross towards Bunadreen	RR	900	" 99,000	Works Complete
L-4010	Derreen to Gortalea	RR	1000	" 112,148	Works Complete.
L-11913	Foilduff (Foilmore Church)	RI	950	" 95,000	Works Complete
L-11518	Ducalla to Allagheemore	RI	765	" 66,957	Works Complete
<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	Complete
R-560	Aughacasla Cross to Kelly Height Cross	RR	750	" 90,750	Substantially Complete
L-8036	Ballybowler Cross to Lisargan Cross	RR	880	" 77,436	Substantially Complete
L-8065	Ardrow Cross to Top of Maum	RR	900	" 67,320	Substantially Complete
L-8059	Coumduff Cross - Coumduff Lake Car Park	RR	900	" 65,340	Substantially Complete
L-8058	Acres	RR	1,190	" 95,795	Substantially Complete
L-8066	Annascaul East Cross - Village Speed Limit	RR	350	" 67,375	Complete
L-5005	Feoghanagh Bridge Cross - Kilquane South Cross	RR	700	" 80,500	Substantially Complete
R-550	Four Cross Roads - Teer Cross	RR	634	" 72,975	Substantially Complete
R559	Strand St. Dingle	RR	363	" 143,715	Complete
L-12193	Gortanedin Cross to Gortanedin	RR	500	" 22,420	Substantially Complete
<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	Completed
L-11684	Direenaclaurig	RI	1,000	" 99,000	September 18.
L-4054	Killaha	RI	1,000	" 99,000	Works to commence in Oct 18
L-7548	Dromroughty	RI	950	" 74,812	Substantially Complete
R-568	Sneem	RI	800	" 143,000	Works to commence in Oct 18
R-569	Kilgarvan Village	RI	400	" 111,000	Works to commence in Oct 18
L-4043	Slieveadubh	RI	950	" 81,678	Substantially Complete
L-11683	Bocar	RI	1,300	" 97,500	September 18.
L-4046	Direen	RI	600	" 60,280	Substantially Complete
<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	Works ongoing.
L4019	Gortmaloon cross to Shanacashel cross	RR	1,700	" 136,000	Work to commence on 1st of October
R561	Firies	RR	265	" 73,500	Work to commence in October
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	Substantially complete
L11729	Ardmoneel	RR	400	" 24,300	Substantially complete.
L4010	Ownagarry to Glencuttane Upper	RI	1,456	" 145,569	Substantially complete
<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	Works Complete
L-4011	Derrineden, Dromid	RM	2,500	" 41,625	To be surfaced dressed within the next two weeks.
L-7537	Garryglass to Kilmackerrin	RM	2,750	" 42,075	Works Complete.
L-4007	Bahaghs to Srugreana	RM	1,740	" 45,432	Works Complete
L-7521	Inchintrea to Ballynahowmore	RM	2,100	" 33,075	Works Complete
L-7520	Coulagh to Cahernamon, Kells	RM	2,925	" 47,371	Works Complete
<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	Complete
L-5014	Magherabeg	SR	1,000	" 27,000	Complete
L-12193	Gortanedin Cross to Gortanedin	SR	500	" 6,750	Complete
L-12219	Ardcanaght Cross to Ardcanaght	SR	1,500	" 23,625	Complete
L-12188	Shanahill	SR	1,250	" 19,688	Complete
R559	Coumeenole Cross to New Road	SR	500	" 13,750	Complete
R559	Dun Chaoin Cross to An Clasach	SR	400	" 11,000	Complete
L-5003	Teach na Féile Cross - Baile Beag Cross	SR	2,000	" 49,500	Complete
L-8039	Ventry Village Cross to Caherard Cross	SR	1,300	" 29,250	Complete
L-8037	Knocknahow Cross to Mullenaglemlig	SR	1,200	" 18,900	Complete
L-8049	Ballincola Cross to Ballyoughteragh North Cross	SR	1,300	" 24,495	Complete
<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	Substantially Complete. Awaiting availability of lining contractor.
R-569	R569, Morleys Bridge	RM	2,500	" 94,875	Substantially Complete. Awaiting availability of lining contractor.
L-11620	L11620, Slievenashaska	RM	470	" 9,500	Surface Dressing in September
L-11622	L11622, Lomanagh	RM	3,300	" 66,851	Surface Dressing in September
<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	Substantially complete
Milltown	Milltown Heritage and Recreation Trail	" 100,000	Q3, 2018	Negotiations with landowners are ongoing. The project will only proceed with the agreement of the landowners concerned.
Caragh Lake	Caragh Lake Amenity Development	" 100,000	Q3, 2018	Work commenced.

## APPENDIX C

Job Ticket ID	Defect Description	Unit Number	Postal Street Name	Date Reported	Reason
4215	Lamp Out	1458	Dykegate Street Dingle	23/07/2018	Additional traffic management required
4219	Lamp Out	1406	Strand Street Dingle	23/07/2018	ESB works required
4561	Lamp Out	1407	Strand Street Dingle	03/09/2018	ESB works required
4237	Lamp Out	4626	Carhen Road Caherciveen	26/07/2018	Additional traffic management required

### (a) Notice of Motion

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

#### (b) Notice of Motion

**1. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would urgently repair the lag in the road at Coad cross Castlecove as it is the worst bit of road in Kerry.

**REPLY:** This defect on the N70 Ring of Kerry road will be repaired within the next 4 weeks and is being funded by Special Maintenance funding that has been allocated by Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae welcomed the reply.**

**2. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** Please arrange for the river banks to be cleared of debris along the Keel na Gower River, Scarteen Park, Kenmare.

**REPLY:** Heavy growth was cleared from the banks along the Keel na Gower River from Aldi to Scarteen Park in January of this year and further vegetation clearance is not required at present.

**Following a request form Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen, Mr. K O' Halloran undertook to monitor the river over the winter months.**

**3. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** When will the Green area at Castlequin, Cahersiveen be cleared up and reseeded?

**REPLY:** This green area is part of an existing 6 house development (now privately owned). The sites were purchased as low cost sites from Kerry County Council. The green area is clean and tidy and cut by Kerry County Council approximately 4 to 5 times annually. There is no plan currently by Kerry County Council to re-seed this green area unless the residents formally agree to undertake the mowing of the area which may require the setting up of a residents association or some similar arrangement.

**4. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** That we call upon TII to install a footpath at Tinahalla, Killorglin.

**REPLY:** A Feasibility Report is being prepared in consultation with the TII on the provision of a shared Footpath/ Cycleway at Tinahalla from Steelroe Cottages to the realigned Kilderry Bends Scheme which is currently under construction. It is likely that setbacks will be required given the limited width along the present N70 at this location. Consultation with the landowners in this area will be held to discuss the proposals in the coming weeks.

**5. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that Kerry County Council would erect public toilets & facilities adjacent to Minard beach Lispole for the many patrons who visit this beach on a daily basis during the summer and the many users who travel the Kerry Way. There are no facilities along the Kerry Way for people who wish to use sanitary services

**REPLY:** The Council is not in a position to provide public conveniences at Minard Beach as the budget provided for public conveniences is wholly committed to maintenance of the existing stock. There is also a particular focus at present on trying to secure Department of Rural and Community Development funding which would allow the public conveniences at some Blue Flag beaches to be upgraded.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that he had received this request from the Lispole residents. This is a very busy beach, it caters for swimming lessons during the summer months and has many tourists passing through, walking the Kerry Way. He said he believed that this is a very valid request and asked that it would be reconsidered.**

**6. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask Kerry County Council that a barrier be put in place between O Sullivan's bar in Garrai and Keanes shop across from the church. This is a dangerous stretch of road for cyclists, the issue is, there is a big backdrop off the footpath down an embankment which is also subject to crosswinds, this is very dangerous as cyclists could be blown onto the road or off the road down the embankment. Many of the people from Lispole have come back and raised this question as there are very strong crosswinds. (Details with Directorate)

**REPLY:** It is proposed to construct a timber post and tension mesh fence at the back of the footpath/cycleway constructed as part of the N86 Lispole to Ballynasare Lower and Ballygarret to Camp Road Improvement scheme.

**Cllr. M. O' Shea stated that where the residents welcome the cycleway, they have raised concerns regarding the strong winds when heading west from O' Sullivan's shop to Keane's shop. They have requested that a windbreaker would be provided as they have concerns that a child will be seriously injured by the cross winds.**

**7. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** What is the time frame given for the repair of the Sliabh a Dubh road?

**REPLY:** The section of the Sliabh a Dubh road that was included on the 2018 Schedule of Municipal Works Plan was substantially completed last week.

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

**8. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Ask Kerry County Council to consider putting in place a disabled parking spot in Market street, Kenmare.

**REPLY:** The requirement for a disabled parking bay on Market Street will be examined by the Operations Department.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy stated that he submitted this notice of motion following a request from a particular individual.**

**Mr. P. Teahan asked that the details would be forwarded to him.**

**9. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Ask Kerry County Council if there is funding available to upgrade the footpath from the post office to St Patrick's church, Kenmare.

**REPLY:** The cost to carry out an upgrade of this section of footpath on the N71 National Secondary Route is " 9,000 and the Council will make an application to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for Special Maintenance funding to undertake these works.

**Cllr. D. McCarthy noted the response.**

**10. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council improve the sight line on the western side of the L12065-O road at Ballyhea, Dingle?

**REPLY:** In order to improve sight lines from this junction, land will have to be acquired from the adjoining landowner to enable the existing boundary wall to be relocated a further 3m from the public road. These works will cost in the region of " 15,000 subject to the lands being available at a reasonable cost. This location can be considered for inclusion in the Council's submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport under the Low Cost Safety Improvement works scheme for 2019.

**11. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council resurface the L8036-47 / L12083-0 road which leads to Ballyristeen?

**REPLY:** This road will be considered when compiling the 2019 Restoration Maintenance programme which is funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

**12. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council resurface lower John Street and upper Main Street in Dingle Town?

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council is currently in the process of compiling a 3-year Restoration Improvement Grant Programme (2019-2021) for submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. This development of this programme shall take account of the entire non-national road network including these streets in Dingle in determining the final submission.

**13. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** What reply has Kerry County Council got from the TII regarding reinstating the double white line on the N86 at the Tobar Junction in Lispole?

**REPLY:** TII reviewed this location and concluded that it should not have been altered. As a result of this a continuous line was reinstated in August 2018.

**14. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That the junction at Aughatubrid NS (L7532) and the N70 be widened and made safer. It was the scene of two accidents recently as people attempted to take turn and went off the road.

**REPLY:** This location on the N70 National Secondary Road will be raised with Transport Infrastructure Ireland regarding what options may be available to improve this junction of the L7532 Local Secondary Road with the N70.

**Mr. M Kelliher stated that the provision of delineators could be considered for this area.**

**15. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we apply to have an additional 1.4 km at Westcove to Brackaragh overlaid in conjunction with the Realignment at Reen- Brackearagh.

**REPLY:** The condition of this section of road will be examined and discussed with TII to establish when intervention works will be funded.

**16. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That given the lodging of the Planning Permission application for The South Kerry Greenway that we begin the process to develop a feasibility study to extend the Greenway from Renard further South and North from Glenbeigh.

**REPLY:** The Planning Application and CPO documentation for the South Kerry Greenway has been lodged with An Bord Pleanála. It is prudent to wait for the decision of An Bord Pleanala prior to initiating any further projects in the surrounding areas bearing in mind the considerable design and construction costs associated with the current scheme.

**17. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would repair the signs at Coss strand Templenoe and replace the bins.

**REPLY:** These works were completed last week.

### **(c ) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland give a detailed structural report in regards to the condition of Laune Bridge, Killorglin which is the major access point to the Iveragh Peninsula and South Kerry on the Ring of Kerry and what plans are being put in place as an alternative in the event of something happening to this critical archway.

**REPLY:** Laune Bridge is being monitored by the TII Bridge Management Unit with Level Surveys, Underwater Inspections and Principal Inspections being carried out in accordance with

an Inspection and Monitoring Schedule devised for the Bridge. The Bridge has been given an overall condition rating of 2 in its Principal Inspection carried out in October 2017. The condition is registered by means of a rating from 0 to 5 (0: As new; 5: Dangerous/Failed).

Since its works in 2009 a number of level surveys have been carried out of the bridge parapets. Two level surveys have been carried out in 2018. The results of these surveys indicate that there is no active settlement occurring at the bridge.

Movement indicators known as Tell-tales have been installed at selected locations under the bridge in 2017. These have been checked twice in 2018 by Consulting Engineers who are satisfied that there is no significant movement occurring.

Maintenance works are scheduled to take place at the bridge in Q4 2018 as part of a TII Routine Maintenance Contract.

In the future it is likely that a new bridge will be constructed over the River Laune at a location which is compatible with the Killorglin Bypass project. Should the current bridge should show significant signs of deterioration then steps will be taken in consultation with the TII to expedite the planning, design and construction of the new structure.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and said he was very satisfied that the bridge continues to be inspected and maintained. He said he submitted this notice of motion following concerns raised by lorry drivers regarding the traffic delays in the town. He asked that both Kerry County Council and T.I.I. would prioritise the construction of a new bridge for the town.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council call on Transport Infrastructure Ireland to extend the Public Footpath as a matter of priority from Steelroe Cottages on the main Killorglin to Tralee road out as far as the new Kilderry Bends road at Tinnahalla, as a number of serious accidents, including fatalities have occurred on this extremely dangerous stretch of road and that the works be included as part of the major realignment works due to commence in September from Killorglin town out as far as Astellas.

**REPLY:** A Feasibility Report is being prepared in consultation with the TII on the provision of a shared Footpath/ Cycleway at Tinnahalla from Steelroe Cottages to the realigned Kilderry Bends scheme which is currently under construction. It is likely that setbacks will be required given the limited width along the present N70 at this location. Consultation with the landowners in this area will be held to discuss the proposals in the coming weeks.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the report.**

**Mr. Teahan explained that the proposed shared Footpath/Cycleway from Steelroe to Tinnahalla is a separate scheme to the pavement project from the Mill road to Bansha which is due to commence in November.**

**3.Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen:** Church town Cemetery Beaufort is in a terrible condition with broken footpaths, indiscriminate dumping of rubbish and debris, overgrown footpaths. Please arrange for these issues to be rectified and a no dumping sign erected.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council will address all the issues raised to the extent allowable by available funding and no dumping signs will be erected at Churchtown Burial Ground.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarreen stated that the Cemetery is in a terrible condition with ongoing dumping. There is also a substantial amount of overgrown grass on the footpath.**

**Mr. P. Teahan replied that it will be repaired to the extent allowable.**

**4. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** The residents of Goat Street Dingle are requesting a designated parking area by the old hospital as they will lose parking space in Goat St due to the upgrade and the bypass. They are also seeking to extend the footpath on the right hand side up as far as the last house on the right going up Goat street to the hospital.

**REPLY:** The detailed design of the final layout associated with the junction of Phase 4 of the Dingle Relief Road and Goat Street is currently being concluded. Following completion of same, any requirement for the removal of parking spaces will be apparent and alternative parking, if feasible, can be considered in the context of the junction design. The extension of the footpath will also be examined.

**In response to a query from Cllr. M. O' Shea, Mr. Teahan confirmed that informal discussions will take place with the residents.**

**5. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Any update on the footpath being put in place from the Priest's Cross to Cill Mhuire Estate.

**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 said that this is one of the youngest estates in Kenmare and it is essential that a footpath is provided for the residents. He asked if the council would consider purchasing the two larger houses at the end of the road and convert them into three houses.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae supported the notice of motion and asked that the trenches on the road would be repaired.**

**6. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** Is there any funding available for upgrading of Footpath on the Kilowen road?

**REPLY:** A portion of these works will be undertaken within the next month and are being funded by the Councillor Specific Municipal District Operations Fund.



**7. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** When is the new traffic calming measures being put in place at Cahir school?

**REPLY:** It proposed to have these signs erected during the next quarter of the year.

**8. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That this Municipal District request the T.I.I. to repair the road on the Sneem side of Parknasilla.

**REPLY:** The Council has applied to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for Special Maintenance Funding to repair the section of embankment that has collapsed. We are currently awaiting a decision from TII regarding this funding request.

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

**9. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Has Kerry County Council made any progress with Saint Brendan's Trust regarding the lease of the lands in their ownership for car parking at Green Street, Dingle

**REPLY:** The Council is currently concluding the final clauses of a long-term lease to extend the Green Street Car Park to provide an additional 75 car spaces and is also pursuing a means of funding the construction of this car park through grants provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development including the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund.

**10. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Has Kerry County Council been in touch with any of the landowners who own land in Faha, Cloghane which may be suitable for a car park which would be available for the hillwalkers climbing Mount Brandon.

**REPLY:** The Council has been in contact with a landowner at Faha and a meeting on site will be scheduled within the next two weeks. However, no funding has yet been identified to fund land acquisition at this location.

**11. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** An gcuirfeadh an Comhairle Contae lay byes isteach ar an mbóthar go tráigh Béal Bán ó crosaire Baile an Caladh, comh maith le carr clós a fhorbairt aige an tráigh aige bun an bóthar L8034-0?

**11. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Will Kerry County Council provide lay byes on the road to Béal Bán beach from Baile an Caladh cross, as well as developing a car park at the beach located at the bottom of road L8034-0?

**FREAGRA:**Tá oibreacha athchóraithe déanta ar an mbóthar seo le déanaí, taréis do Uisce Éirean píopaí uisce a chur faoi thalamh ann níos luaithe sa bhliain.

Mar thoradh ar san, tá an bóthar leathanaithe beagainín.

Má tá ga fós le leath-taobhanna, is féidir coinne a dhéanamh agus ionaid éagsúla oiriúnacha a aimsiú agus meastacháin a ullmhú.

**REPLY:** Restoration works to these roads have recently been undertaken following from watermain restoration works completed earlier this year. As a result, the roads referred have been widened marginally. If a requirement for lay-bys remain, a meeting can be arranged to identify suitable locations thus enabling estimates to be prepared.

**12. Cllr. S. Fitzgerald:** Has there been any update from TII regarding the next phase of the upgrading of the N86?

**REPLY:** Discussions are ongoing with TII in respect of the funding of the next phase of the N86 Dingle to Annascaul & Gortbreagoge to Camp Road Improvement. It is hoped that funding will be made available in 2019 to allow the progression of the detailed design and tender documents.

**13. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we put a lay by opposite the car parking spaces at the stone forts at Cahergal and can we have clarification on the ownership and responsible agency for that car park.

**REPLY:** The car park at Cahergal Ring Fort is an Office of Public Works (OPW) car park. The OPW wrote to Kerry County Council in April 2018 stating that they were not in a position to extend the car park. However, neither is the Council in a position to extend facilities that are the responsibility of other state agencies. The OPW acknowledged in their correspondence that Cahergal and Leaconbuile are extremely busy sites and an extension of the car park by the agency responsible, in this case the OPW, is the correct solution to deal with this matter.

**Cllr. N Moriarty stated that the car park is insufficient and asked that lay-bys would be provided.**

**Mr. M. Kelliher replied that a car park is the ideal solution.**

**Mr. P. Teahan stated that a proper solution is required, and further discussion will take place with Fáilte Ireland and the OPW.**

**14. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That the road markings leading to and from the junctions of the N 70 and L11552 and L7534 be made into a solid line to discourage overtaking at this cross.

**REPLY:** The N70 delineation was designed and implemented in 2017 in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual. Both locations in question adhere to this. It may be possible to review this at the next N70 Route Delineation Contract.

**Mr. P. Teahan confirmed that the council will ask TII to review this section of road again.**

**15.Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we have an extra street light placed at Spunkane near Currane Close as there is a black spot which is very dangerous.

**REPLY:** Kerry County Council will investigate this location as there is ESB high voltage cables in the vicinity that may inhibit the placement of additional public lighting.

**Cllr. N Moriarty said that is a very dangerous black spot and was the site of a fatality a number of years ago.**

**16.Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That Kerry County Council agree to lease available land near Ballinskelligs pier to facilitate improvement and amenity works.

**REPLY:** The Council is making the necessary enquiries regarding the possibility of securing additional land for public use near Ballinskelligs Pier.

**Cllr. N Moriarty noted the response and asked that contact would be made as soon as possible.**

**17. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Has Kerry County Council any progress made with extra car parking spaces in Portmagee.

**REPLY:** The Council has made further recent enquiries regarding the availability of land close to the centre of the village that would serve as a village park and which would also provide car parking. Based on these enquiries, there is no suitable land readily available for sale at present and unless there is some change to this position the Council cannot advance a car parking proposal. If land did become available a suitable mechanism to fund the site acquisition and development works would also have to be determined.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that parking is a huge problem for anyone living or working on the street. The issue is frequently raised at his clinics in the village and asked that the council would approach landowners in Portmagee.**

**Mr. P. Teahan responded that the acquisition of a suitable site in the village has proven very difficult.**

**18. Cllr. J. Healy- Rae:** What plan has Kerry County Council to resolve the car parking in Dingle town especially the streets.

**REPLY:** The Council is currently concluding the final clauses of a long-term lease to extend the Green Street Car Park to provide an additional 75 car spaces and is also pursuing a means of funding the construction of this car park through grants provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development including the Town and Village Renewal Scheme and the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund. The Council is also currently concluding a multi-annual lease of the parking area in front of Marglann an Daingean Teo to secure its continuing use as a public car park. Furthermore, we are continuing to make enquiries regarding securing additional cost-effective sites for car parking.

It is also proposed to commence a review of the Parking Bye-Laws for Dingle before the end of this year which will include a strategy regarding pay parking. Both on street and off-street parking will be considered as part of this review.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae noted the response and agreed that a review of the parking bye-laws is very important.**

**19. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** Has any progress been made with the footpath to Ard Bhearna housing estate Kenmare.

**REPLY:** The Council will be submitting a Design Report to Transport Infrastructure Ireland next month which will outline a proposal to undertake a Pavement and Minor Works scheme on the N71 National Secondary Road from Kenmare to Cahoomeengar. The provision of a footpath to

Ard Bhearna will be included in the proposal. However, the approval of the scheme is a matter for TII as the funding authority for national routes.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that where he welcomed the construction of these houses, he stressed that it was unfortunate that the provision of the relevant footpath and lighting had not been included in the tender. He asked that the council would continue to pursue the matter with T.I.I.**

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

### **(a) Notices of Motion**

**1.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Justice, Charlie Flanagan and the Government to get much tougher in respect of persons who are being sentenced for serious crime such as murder, rape, armed and violent robbery, etc and that the Justice System would enable affected family members to have a say in whether or not any future parole is granted.

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

**Cllr Cahill referred to the type of circumstances he felt that this was relevant. He said he believed that the victim's family should have an input on whether parole is granted.**

**It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would forward to the Minister for Justice & Equality Mr. Charlie Flanagan.**

**2.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, TD to explain as a matter of priority as to why, at a time when Trolley figures are at an all-time high in University Hospital Kerry, why so many beds are empty in the Alzheimer's Unit at Killarney Community Hospital and also as to why so many beds are empty in Killarney District Hospital.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill said he was contacted by a nurse who couldn't understand how there was so many people on trolleys in Kerry University Hospital despite there been a number of empty beds in Killarney District Hospital. He requested that the resolution would be forwarded to the Minister for Health Mr. Simon Harris.**

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

**3.Cllr. M. Cahill :** That Kerry County Council request National Roads Authority to provide a Bus Stop at Astellas, on the Killorglin to Tralee road as a matter of priority as this unserved area has a large rural population, including a large Local Authority Housing Estate, namely An Bhainseach in the area and the inconvenience of not having a Bus Stop at this location means that many residents have to walk/travel a 3 to 4 mile and upwards round trip to get to the Bus Stop in Killorglin town.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill proposed that the resolution would issue to Transport Infrastructure Ireland and explained that it is a two / three mile round trip from the town centre where the current bus stop is located and for the residents this can be quite a long distance.**

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

**4. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That Kerry County Council would purchase the Ceann Meara factory in Kenmare.

**Reply:** As Members are aware the Council recently completed the purchase of lands at the Peninsula for amenity purposes. We are currently in the process of securing this asset and completing the necessary measure to complete the transfer.

We will then need to consider how the future of this site is planned and more importantly how any development might be funded.

At this stage therefore there is no financial capacity for further acquisitions in Kenmare.

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae stated that as previously discussed with the deputation from KMEG, this is an excellent opportunity, the land is available, and the council should avail of it. It is a very exciting vision that KMEG have discussed.**

**5. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That this Municipal District call on the ministers involved in light of increasing demands on all Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services that this sector be properly resourced to prevent an implosion of the service. There are staffing shortages in all regions and in particular the greater South Kerry area and children and adolescents are going far too long without either a diagnosis or appropriate therapy plan.

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

**Cllr. N. Moriarty stated that the facilities are very under-staffed and the situation is only getting worse to the point where many of the qualified personnel don't want to work in this country. She proposed that the resolution would issue to the relevant Minister.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill seconded the proposal.**

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

**6.Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Agriculture to introduce as a matter of priority, a scheme similar to the REPS and GLAS Schemes for farmers, that will help eradicate the problem of Japanese Knotweed and other Invasive Species taking over the countryside and creating havoc and that Kerry County Council and Transport Infrastructure Ireland play their part in getting rid of this major problem in Public places and other areas that come under their remit.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill** stated that the situation has gone out of control and will become more problematic following the recent issuing of hedge cutting notices. Many people are not aware of how to treat these species and the consequences for cutting it. He proposed that a letter would issue to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Mr. M. Creed.

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen** seconded the proposal.

**7. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** That this Municipal District call on the Minister for Health to address the healthcare crisis in Kerry as consultants, doctors and nurses are leaving our hospitals resulting in our hospitals being downgraded and longer waiting lists for persons waiting on GP appointments.

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

**Cllr. M. O' Shea** stated that we are very fortunate to have KUH, but the staff are under huge pressure. Currently there are over 11,000 people waiting for treatment in the hospital and during the summer months the number of patients can increase dramatically. KUH has a very limited number of staff and consultants and it should be a priority for both the Minister and all Kerry T.D.'s to make provisions to sufficiently staff this hospital. He compared the services in KUH to a third world health system and requested that a public forum would be set up to assist in acquiring adequate funding and staffing for the hospital.

**Cllr. J. F. Flynn** seconded the proposal and said that the matter was recently raised at HSE forum and said that it was also reported by the media that the HSE are paying recruitment agencies up to €10,000 following the employment of a nurse. He asked that clarification would be sought from the HSE on this matter.

**8. Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we ask the HSE for an up to date report on the Ambulance Provision in South and West Kerry. Can they please confirm that on delivery of patients to the hospitals in Tralee that the ambulances are being dispatched back to their bases and not being sent to cover areas outside of their zones leaving the home bases without cover?

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

**Cllr. N. Moriarty** recalled where recently the Iveragh Peninsula was without an ambulance service for a number of hours as it had been dispatched to another area in the county. She requested that the resolution would forward to the H.S.E.

**Cllr. M. Cahill** seconded the proposal.

## **(b) Questions**

**1. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council help Killorglin in their endeavours to become the National Cycle Centre of Ireland by assisting them with their plans to develop an Indoor

Velodrome and Olympic Supercross BMX track that will attract National and International Teams and Athletes to the Killorglin/ Mid Kerry Region.

**Reply:** Kerry County Council in collaboration with South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd has supported the development of a Socio Economic Plan for Killorglin. The purpose of this plan is to identify potential projects and developments for the town and there has been widespread community engagement. It is important that the group promoting this project engages with this process. The group need also to engage with the Kerry Recreation and Local Sports Partnership.

**Cllr. M. Cahill welcomed the response and said that this project was first discussed approximately ten years ago. It would be the first indoor Velodrome of its kind in the country.**

**2. Cllr. M. Cahill:** That Kerry County Council call on the Minister for Education and the Government to help the many families and students who are experiencing extreme financial hardship with the cost of Education and in particular the rising cost of accommodation, with rents increasing on almost a monthly basis which has led to an ever increasing number of students having to opt-out of College by increasing the SUSI grant as a matter of extreme urgency.

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

**Cllr. M. Cahill proposed that the resolution would forward to the Minister for Education and said that he is aware of where students had to option but opt out of college due to the financial cost.**

**Cllr. J. Healy-Rae seconded the proposal.**

**3. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** Please request an update from the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine about what is happening to prohibit pair trawling along our shoreline. It is having a devastating effect on coastal communities and the environment.

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

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen said that he has previously raised this matter. Pair Trawling is having a deferential effect on the smaller fisherman. He said he understood that recommendation have already been submitted on the size of the trawler and the effect it is having on the bay.**

**It was agreed that the resolution would issue to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.**

**4. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That we call upon Kerry County Council to support the establishment of an annual national ~~M~~ake Way Day+for people with disabilities.

**Reply:** During 2018 Kerry PPN has developed a project in collaboration with the National Disability Federation of Ireland to promote access entitled ~~%~~Access for All+and as part of this

project, workshops are being held in each Municipal District. In addition to this the %Make Way Day+is being promoted. If an individual town or village wishes to advertise the %Make Way Day+, this can be done by contacting Kerry PPN.

**5. Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen:** That we call upon the Department of Agriculture & Marine to extend the pier at Tahilla, Sneem.

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

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen explained that the fishermen cannot land their boats at the pier and asked that a feasibility study would be carried with a view to extending the Pier.**

**6. Cllr. M. O' Shea:** To ask that we the members pass a resolution demanding that the Minister for Finance introduce a Housing Repair Grant or Loan Scheme to assist with the re construction of dilapidated dwellings that may be used for social housing in the countryside.

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

**Cllr. M. O' Shea requested that the resolution would be submitted to the Minister for Finance requesting that a scheme would be re-introduced to assist in repairing dwellings for habitable use.**

**It was unanimously agreed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Finance.**

**7. Cllr. D. McCarthy:** That this Municipal District call on the Minister to give a commitment that no further Post Offices will be closed in this county.

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

**Cllr. D. McCarthy said the post office is an integral part of rural Ireland and asked that the Minister would consider introducing a subsidy to keep the post office viable.**

**Cllr. J Healy-Rae agreed to move Question no 9 and said he believed that the introduction of a subsidy wasn't the solution and that the Government should introduce a number of existing services to the post office such as the renewal of Driving licences to allow the post office to be self sufficient. There is another blow to rural communities and called on the Government to address this matter urgently.**

**Cllr. M. Cahill wished to support the comments expressed by the previous speakers and said it was important that the local community supports the Post office. He suggested that an incentive to support them should be set up through the local schools.**

**Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen said that following a recent meeting he attended regarding the future of the Post Office, he was disappointed to see the lack of young people at the meeting. He understood that An Post are trying to get into the mortgage market and if this came to fruition it would be an extra service for the post office to provide.**



**It was agreed that both resolutions would be forwarded to the Minister for Rural & Community Development.**

**8.Cllr. N. Moriarty:** That we write to the Minister responsible for Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht as well as the Minister for Agriculture and seek a workable solution to the overly onerous and impractical restrictions being placed on farmers of SAC lands where the Designations are now being formalised.

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

**The Cathaoirleach said she is aware where a farmer who is outside the REPS scheme and whose land is 20 metres from the riverbed had to get a permit from the NPWS, and potentially an Environmental Impact Statement may have to be carried out. Farmers under the REP scheme don't appear to have to undertake this process. She proposed that the resolution would issue to the Minister for Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Minister for Agriculture Food and the Marine.**

**Cllr. M. O' Shea seconded the proposal.**

**9. Cllr. J. Healy-Rae:** That we as a council would fully support rural areas to retain their Post Offices and ask the Minister to wake up.

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

**Dealt with in conjunction with question no 7.**

**(b) correspondence**

1. Reply from RSA dated 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2018, requesting the RSA to consider the provision of a DOE centre in South Kerry.
2. Reply from Min D Naughten dated 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2018, regarding concerns that RTÉ are considering abolishing one its orchestras by means of amalgamating the two orchestras into one multipurpose unit.
3. Reply from Min D Naughten dated 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 regarding the provision of a Deposit Scheme for glass bottles, plastic bottles and cans.
4. Reply from the RSA dated 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 regarding the timeframe in the processing of Driving Licences.
5. Reply from Irish water dated 09 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 re the taking in charge of Coolmagort Estate.
6. Reply from Dept of Health dated 30 <sup>th</sup> August re the provision of Youth Mental Health services in South Kerry.
7. Reply from Irish Water dated 13 <sup>th</sup> August regarding a request for a deputation to meet with Irish Water to discuss upgrading Wastewater Treatment system in Coolmagort Estate.
8. Reply from Department of Justice and Equality dated 09 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 following a request to allocate additional resources to tackle crime in South & West Kerry.
9. Reply from OPW dated 01 <sup>st</sup> September 2018 regarding the removal of Camp at being at risk of Tidal Flooding.
10. Reply from Inland Fisheries dated 08 <sup>th</sup> August 2018 regarding the removal of excess gravel from rivers.

**(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 OqShea and Seconded by N. Moriarty it was agreed that a deputation from the Residents of Steelroe Housing Estate would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

(2) On the Proposal of Cllr. M Cahill and Seconded by Cllr. M. OqShea it was agreed that a deputation from Business Community in Caherciveen would be received at a meeting of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry.

**(e) Any Other Business**

**(f) Reception of Deputations**

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

(a) Deputation from the Residents of Steelroe Housing Estate.

Re: Issue of speeding from the N70

**Requested by Cllr. M. O' Shea**

(b) Deputation from the Business Community in Caherciveen

Re: The closure of businesses in Caherciveen

**Requested by Cllr. M. Cahill.**

**(g) Date for next Municipal District Meeting**

It was agreed that the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the Area Service Centre, Killorglin.

The meeting concluded at 12.25 p.m.

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

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