

# **Minutes of March Meeting of West Clare Municipal District, held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2020 at 4 p.m.in the Moher Room,Ennistymon Hub**

## **Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:**

Cllr. B. Chambers,

## **I Láthair:**

Cllr. S. Talty, Cllr. G. Keating, Cllr. J. Killeen, Cllr. J. Garrihy, Cllr. I. Lynch, Cllr. C. Murphy, Cllr. PJ Kelly

## **Apologies:**

Cllr. R. Garvey,

## **Officials present:**

Mr. Leonard Cleary, Area Co-Ordinator & Director of Service

Mr. J. O'Malley, A/Senior Executive Engineer ,West Clare Municipal District

Ms. S. McNulty, SEO, Housing and Social Policy

Mr. J. Leahy, SE, Transportation

Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.

Cllr. Chambers convened the Meeting.

## **1. Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Keating & seconded by Cllr. Killeen & agreed.

It was agreed to deal with Item 7 next

## **7. Schedule of Municipal District Works for 2020**

J. Leahy went through the Roadworks Programme element of the SMDW for the elected Members. He initially outlined that the boundaries of the Ennistymon and Kilrush areas had changed to what was recommended in the Boundary Commission Report in 2018 for the purpose of the Roads outdoor operational structure for the delivery of the Roadworks Programme for 2020. He outlined that there would be 3 outdoor crews in the Ennistymon area as was previously the case and that the no of outdoor crews in Kilrush would increase from 3 to 4. He outlined that the proposed Roadworks Programme for 2020 would result in 6.3% of the road network being maintained and improved. He added that there was a total fund of €30.6 m available for the delivery of the Programme which consisted of €2.9m in road grants for National roads, funded by TII, €24.5m in non National road grants, funded by DTTaS, and €3.2m in Own Resources as provided in the 2020 Budget. He continued that the Own Resources provision for Roads had increased by 10% from what had been provided in 2019. He outlined that the largest element of grant funding related to the Restoration Improvement grant and that there was an increase in this grant of €1.16m from what was provided in 2019. He further outlined that the Budget for Street Cleaning had been

previously included in the Budget for road maintenance but that this year it had its own separate Budget. He also outlined that there had been increases factored in to Budgets for Hedgecutting. He confirmed that an additional €0.1m had been provided for Public Lighting maintenance in 2020 to what had been provided in 2019 and that Clare Co Council had signed up to participate in Region 1 of the Local Authority Public Lighting Energy Efficiency Project which was scheduled to commence in 2020.

J. Corry gave an update on the CIS and LIS schemes. He outlined that there was a grant allocation of €0.142m for CIS for 2020 which would facilitate completion of projects applied for but not funded in 2019. He added that they had not yet been made aware of the grant allocation for the LIS scheme for 2020 but were expecting same shortly.

S. McNulty provided an overview of the Housing element of the SMDW. She outlined that there was a total maintenance budget of €1m for Social Housing maintenance for 2020 to maintain 2,654 social housing units as well as a Budget of €0.156m for Traveller Accommodation maintenance. She further outlined how the Council were running a Planned Maintenance project to bring the social housing stock up to a Minimum Rented Standard by 2021 in addition to the revenue Housing Maintenance budget.

Following some discussion on the SMDW it was proposed for adoption by Cllr. Keating and seconded by Cllr. Lynch.

## **2. GMA 2020**

J. Corry outlined that the West Clare MD had adopted a Budgetary Plan of €404,179 for 2020 which provided each Cllr. with an allocation of €45,464 to allocate to projects within the Municipal District. He thanked the Members for the projects that they had forwarded for funding and advised that all funding needed to be recouped by September 2020. He added that the fund would be used to fund valuable projects in the District that could not otherwise be funded.

The list of projects submitted as outlined hereunder was proposed by Cllr. Talty and seconded by Cllr. Lynch and agreed.

- Cranny After School Care
- Coolmeen GAA
- Peadar Clancy Memorial (centenary)
- Labasheeda Tidy Towns
- Kildysart Show Society
- Kildysart Community Projects
- Ballynacally Tidy Towns
- Cascades Dev at Decomade
- Lisseycasey Community Development
- Lisseycasey GAA
- Connolly Community Development
- Kilmaley NS Development
- Kilmihil August Festival of Fun
- Rockmount School Hall development and fit out
- Lisdoonvarna Tidy Towns
- Lisdoonvarna Failte Playground
- Spanish Point Community Group

Community North Clare  
Lisdoonvarna Failte CLG  
RRDF for Lisdoonvarna SPA Wells  
Kilballyowen Dev Co  
Kilkee First Responders Group  
Carrigaholt Dev Co  
Kilkee Enterprise Development Co  
Doonbeg Dev Co  
Querrin Dev Co  
Liscannor Community Group  
Kilfenora Community Group  
Michael Cusack Centre  
Ennistymon Heritage Society / 1920 Commemoration  
Ennistymon Family Resource Centre / Mental Health  
Ardnaculla Residents Association  
Spanish Point Community Group  
Burren Eco Tourism  
Oidhreach an Chlair  
Miltown Malbay Tidy Towns  
Moy Community Centre  
Lahinch Development Assoc / Tidy Towns  
Station Road Residents Association  
Public Realm Projects  
Lahinch Sea Park Residents Association  
Sandfield Lodge Residents Assoc  
Ennistymon Community Group  
Riverside Cycling Club  
Lahinch Swimming Club  
Inagh Comm Group  
Miltown Malbay Comm Centre  
West Clare Economic Fund  
Tourism and Community Projects  
Public Area Amenity Enhancement  
Social Inclusion Projects  
Infrastructural Projects  
Enterprise/Tourism Projects  
Ennistymon Family Resource Centre  
Inagh/Kilnamona Camogie Club  
Inagh/Kilnamona Hurling Club  
Eire Og Club  
Michael Cusack Centre  
Cliffs of Moher Cycling Challenge  
Voluntary Community Initiatives, Community Info Workshops and small infrastructure Projects

Footpaths in Cooraclare  
Festival of Fun Kilmihil  
Nell Galvin Festival  
Cooraclare Ladies Football Club  
Tidy Towns Cooraclare  
Tidy Towns Cree  
Public Lighting in Kilmihil  
Public Lighting in Cooraclare  
Kilmurry McMahon Community Centre  
Killimer Tidy Towns  
Cooraclare Playground Committee  
Labasheeda Footpaths  
West Clare Sports and Fitness Track  
Public Lighting at Kilmurry McMahon Church  
Knocknahilla Graveyard Committee

## **Rural Development**

### **3. Community Supports Scheme - Town/Village Paint Scheme**

L. Cleary advised that this support scheme had been used in 2019 to support Lahinch and Ennistymon in advance of the Irish Open. He added that the results were very positive. He further added that scheme was more beneficial supporting one or two nominated locations as opposed to a lesser amount supporting a larger no of locations. He confirmed that there was €10k available under the scheme for 2020. He suggested that the Members might consider supporting the Kilrush and the Ennistymon Electoral areas on alternate years. The Members agreed that this item be deferred to the next MD meeting to allow them more time to consider.

### **4. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Garvey**

***"I wish to propose the motion that the West Clare MD unanimously ask the County Council to ask the powers that be to put Miltown Malbay, that is the real gateway to West Clare, on the Wild Atlantic Way route by erecting Wild Atlantic Ways Signs."***

As Cllr. Garvey was not present she had agreed to defer this Motion to the next MD Meeting.

### **5. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Murphy, Cllr Killeen and Cllr Talty**

***"That Clare County Council undertake the development of an "Experience Clare Passport", improving on the principle of Failte Irelands 'Wild Atlantic Way passport', to leverage the global recognition of the Cliffs of Moher to create a wider, measurable, positive impact across the county"***

*Reply*

The Tourism Department of Clare County Council will support this concept and in order to progress same, will meet with the Elected Members who have submitted this motion along with key stakeholders in order to explore and research this further.

*Response Ends*

Deirdre O' Shea, Acting Head of Tourism, Rural Development

#### **6. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch**

***“That Clare Co Council arrange for members of West Clare Municipal District, Board of Kilrush Amenity Trust, local Coillte representatives and the Executive of Clare Co Council to visit Castlecomer Discovery Park with the view to develop a collaborative approach for the further development of Kilrush Woods as a local amenity and tourist attraction”.***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

*Reply*

The Tourism Department of Clare County Council support this motion and will arrange the requested site visit to this Discovery Park, which has the potential to inform the ongoing development of Vandeleur Walled Gardens visitor experience.

*Response Ends*

Deirdre O' Shea, Acting Head of Tourism, Rural Development

### **Physical Development**

#### **8. Proposal to Take in Charge a road at Darragh**

Following consideration of the report prepared by J. O' Malley, A/SEO, the proposal to take in charge the road was proposed by Cllr. Chambers and seconded by Cllr. Lynch and agreed.

#### **9. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Murphy**

***“That Clare Co Council support the setting up Sustainable Energy Communities in County Clare, and furthermore begin making preparations to ensure they are at the forefront for accessing funding through the EU “Just Transition Mechanism” by supporting a pilot project with the Loop Head Energy Action Partners Agri-Energy network for the delivery of an anaerobic digester and associated bio gas production across the wider Loop Head/West Clare area”.***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

*Reply*

The Climate Action & Low Carbon Development Act of 2015 has established the statutory framework for all local authorities to address the important issues of Climate Adaptation and Mitigation. The Government was due to publish the Climate Action (Amendment) Bill at the end of 2019 which should have outlined the legislative framework and responsible bodies to implement the Climate Action Plan 2019. The Climate Action Plan 2019 has outlined under **Section 15.2 Engagement, Capacity Building and Local Action** the following objectives;

- To engage and empower citizens and communities to take local action by linking to existing and new networks and clustering initiatives, using the NDCA (National Dialogue Climate Action ) and Local Authority structures. The Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO) will lead a step-up in climate action within Local Authorities.
- To establish a Community Outreach programme, building on the success of other outreach initiatives and the Green Schools programme, and rooted in community and voluntary organisations and other civil society groups, that encourages local communities to drive change at a local level. This approach will harness existing networks and help build new ones, supporting better communication, and more focused deliberation leading to effective action.
- The SEAI support for the development of Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC) shall expand from 256 now to 500 by 2020, and 1500 by 2030
- The existing SEC network will be leveraged through the Local Authority structures to ensure greater collaboration between the SECs and the NDCA (National Dialogue Climate Action)
- A streamlined, one-stop-shop approach to project applications will be developed to significantly reduce the administrative burden associated with multiple funding channels
- The design of policy tools, including the new Renewable Electricity Support Scheme, will explicitly seek to mobilise local and community involvement in micro-generation and in major Renewable Energy projects
- The obligated energy suppliers will be required to promote a closer working with community and enterprise to ensure wider community gain and help to realise the new model of delivery being developed under this Plan

These objectives appear to align with the requirements of the Notice of Motion and therefore I believe that we should await the publication of the Climate Action (Amendment) Bill to better understand the proposed role for the local authority sector in delivering on the objectives of the Climate Action Plan 2019 and what funding options will be available.

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer , Environment and Water Services

Following further discussion on the Motion L. Cleary proposed that C. Feeney be invited to a Briefing of the West Clare MD to discuss the matter further.

Cllr. Murphy suggested that a representative from the Loop Head Energy Action Partners Agri-Energy network would also attend.

#### **10. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Murphy**

***“That Clare Co Council undertake a number of repairs along the L2016, a section of the Wild Atlantic Way route, specifically surface works from its junction at Lisdeen with the N67 and Querrin village, and pipe and back fill the road drains of the section between Querrin and Doonaha villages as the depth of these drains and narrowness of the road combine to create a significant hazard to motorists and pedestrians alike”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

*Reply*

A 1,100m section of this road from Lisdeen Church has been included in the 2020 Roadworks Programme and is part of a planned phase of works for this area over the next 3 to 5 years to bring the road up to standard.

The filling of the drains between Querrin and Donnaha is not currently planned as it would be highly expensive due to the size of pipe required for the volume of water that this drain takes. There is no history of accidents on this stretch of road. Maintenance works over recent years have made the drain more visible but not more dangerous. In the meantime if funding is identified for this work it will be considered further.

*Response Ends*

John O' Malley, A/SEO , West Clare Municipal District

### **11. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Talty**

***“Item 7 of December meeting of Clare County Council confirmed that €20,000 from sale of land in Liscannor to Irish Water was to be used to fund amenity works in Liscannor. With this in mind, can meaningful efforts be made to extend the footpath from the Filling Station to Clahane Cross Liscannor, along the R478.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

*Reply*

Plans to extend this footpath along the R478 from the Filling station in Liscannor have been considered and are not currently viable. An alternative solution is currently being investigated. Progress will be reported on this as soon as it is available.

*Response Ends*

John O' Malley, A/SEO , West Clare Municipal District

### **12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Talty**

***“Can Environment Section provide an update on the review of "Fanore Beach and Management Report" as promised in March 2019. In particular, when will the damaged fencing posts & wire be removed and replaced? Access to the Beach needs to be addressed as the timber steps are in a terrible state of repair.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Garrihy

*Reply*

The “Fanore Beach and Management Report” details a number of recommendations with respect to the existing fencing and stairway access. The stairway was rebuilt last year in time for the 2019 bathing season and is still in an excellent state of repair so we do not have any further plans at this time with respect to the stairway access. Because the dunes are part of the larger Murroogh area dunes, which in turn comprise a major element of the Blackhead - Poulisallagh Special Area of Conservation (SAC) (SAC 000020) we have consulted with the National Parks and Wildlife Service with regard to replacing the existing fencing in line with the report recommendations. We are still awaiting feedback from the NPWS on this matter as to any concerns they may have with the proposed works. We will keep the Members updated of any developments.

*Response Ends*

Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer , Environment and Water Services

**13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Killeen**

**“We call on Clare County Council in conjunction with the National Roads Authority to install road signage indicating /advertising the Wild Atlantic Way on the Motorway junctions in the periphery of Ennis and thereafter upgrade signage within the County to advertise/ indicate other areas of interest / tourist destinations in County Clare”**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

*Reply*

If agreed we will forward the Motion to the TII for their response to the proposal that road signage indicating/advertising the Wild Atlantic Way be installed on the Motorway junctions in the vicinity of Ennis. Clare Co Council are presently engaging with Failte Ireland regarding improvements being carried out to Wild Atlantic Way infrastructure and signage advertising designated tourist destinations along the Wild Atlantic Way.

*Response Ends*

John Corry, AO Transportation and Meetings Administrator ,West Clare Municipal District

**14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly**

**“That the parking area immediately west of Lissycasey church be surfaced as it is being used as a traffic lay bye for slow moving traffic”**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Killeen

*Reply*

Repair works to the existing surface will be carried out to this area in 2020 by Municipal District staff.

*Response Ends*

John O’ Malley, A/SEO, West Clare Municipal District

**15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly**

**“That the Dept of Justice be requested to provide funds to An Garda Siochana to install continuous camera recording of traffic moving through all towns and villages”**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Talty

*Reply*

If agreed by the Municipal District Members I will arrange to submit the request to the Dept of Justice.

*Response Ends*

John Corry, AO Transportation and Meetings Administrator ,West Clare Municipal District

## 16. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That an update of all accidents on the N68 be presented in tabular format for the last 5 years. Information to include but not limited to stats from an Garda Síochána, National Ambulance Service, Clare Fire Service and Council Outdoor staff”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy

### Reply

Please find hereunder a table with accident data, taken from the Pavement Management System, for the N68 between 2015 and the end of 2017. Clare Co Council do not have access to 2018 and 2019 accident data yet as same has to be uploaded to the Pavement Management System by the LGMA.

Accident Number	Date	Time	Speed Limit	Accident Type	Collision Type	Eastings	Northings
201612737343	20/03/2016	13:00	80	Material damage	Rear end, straight	532686	675697
201714362962	22/09/2017	08:50	60	Material damage	Rear end, straight	532671	675679
2015035923	03/11/2015	09:31	50	Material damage	Rear end, straight	532323	675419
201612821535	21/04/2016	13:30	100	Material damage		532259	675379
201714289891	18/08/2017	11:05	60	Material damage	Rear end, straight	532195	675331
2015041963	24/12/2015	10:10	80	Material damage	Angle, Right Turn	531695	674946
201713813685	25/03/2017	23:30	100	Material damage	Angle, both straight	531264	673980
201713660920	05/02/2017	07:10	80	Material damage		531134	67866
201713660821	05/02/2017	07:20	100	Material damage		530894	673247
2015015729	07/04/2015	17:00	100	Material damage	Rear end, straight	530705	672949
201612544045	11/01/2016	06:05	100	Material damage		530514	672571
2015031997	25/09/2015	01:00	100	Material damage	Single Vehicle Only	530048	672393
201612981536	15/06/2016	11:20	100	Material damage		529629	672214
2015004661	07/08/2015	00:35	100	Minor Injury	Rear end, straight	529187	672070
201612546388	11/01/2016	18:15	100	Material damage		528968	672131
201613037595	08/07/2016	10:00	100	Material damage		528492	672069

201613376428	04/11/2016	10:00	100	Material damage		528283	672014
2015005359	26/09/2015	12:08	100	Minor Injury	Single Vehicle Only	528096	671878
20171452621	05/12/2017	17:00	100	Material damage		527424	671126
2015038606	27/11/2015	08:15	100	Material damage	Rear end, straight	527149	670552
201713706494	19/02/2017	15:30	100	Material damage		526687	669831
201612782702	07/04/2016	08:30	100	Material damage		526604	669740
201613418592	18/11/2016	08:05	50	Material damage	Rear end, straight	526146	669319
201714063979	13/06/2017	01:36	50	Material damage		526041	669252
201713757859	07/03/2017	15:30	100	Material damage	Rear end, straight	526005	669206
201613205467	06/09/2016	08:15	50	Material damage		525889	669150
201612717414	14/03/2016	09:30	100	Material damage		525732	669021
201714157771	14/07/2017	17:05	100	Minor Injury	Rear end, straight	525174	668741
201612711309	11/03/2016	17:50	100	Material damage	Rear end, straight	524927	668643
201714361042	21/09/2017	17:45	100	Serious injury		525192	669231
201612615933	05/02/2016	16:10	100	Material damage	Rear end, straight	523626	667836
201714160543	14/07/2017	18:10	60	Material damage	Rear end, straight	523565	667791
201714409620	08/10/2017	16:05	60	Material damage	Rear end, straight	523559	667777
2015032308	29/09/2015	11:30	60	Material damage		523538	667745
201613003085	25/06/2016	13:00	60	Material damage		523488	667726
2015024816	15/07/2015	14:10	80	Material damage	Rear end, straight	523489	667731
201613287734	05/10/2016	17:30	60	Material damage		523353	667609
201612582093	24/01/2016	15:15	60	Material damage		522395	666951
201714034100	17/05/2017	20:00	50	Material damage		522227	666808
2015008125	18/01/2015	06:50	50	Material damage	Single Vehicle Only	521888	666640
2015010290	09/02/2015	16:20	60	Material	Single Vehicle Only	521658	666436

				damage			
201612676884	27/02/2016	17:10	80	Serious injury	Head-On Conflict	521299	666274
201613148519	16/08/2016	11:00	60	Material damage		520943	666100
201714239045	10/08/2017	18:00	60	Material damage	Rear end, straight	520781	665976
201612802022	14/04/2016	10:01	60	Material damage	Rear end, straight	520341	665786
2015031370	19/09/2015	17:30	100	Material damage	Single Vehicle Only	519899	665480
201713751056	05/03/2017	06:00	100	Material damage		519871	665460
201612752652	26/03/2016	17:45	80	Minor Injury		519873	665444
201612899710	19/05/2016	18:16	100	Material damage	Rear end, straight	519833	665419
201612842821	29/04/2016	08:35	100	Material damage	Rear end, right turn	519845	665426
201612544025	11/01/2016	06:10	100	Material damage		519818	665396
201714510198	09/11/2017	17:35	100	Material damage	Rear end, straight	518186	664455
201714235448	08/08/2017	18:15	100	Material damage		517005	663897
201714600836	08/12/2017	14:20	100	Material damage		516770	663727
201612868968	08/05/2016	12:00	100	Serious injury	Angle, right Turn	516549	663662
201714633706	19/12/2017	18:30	100	Minor Injury	Rear end, straight	515857	663268
201714558154	24/11/2017	15:30	100	Material damage		515460	663113
201714377661	27/09/2017	13:20	100	Serious injury	Head-On Conflict	514679	662861
201713725227	25/02/2017	15:35	100	Material damage		513779	662541
2015039284	02/12/2015	15:15	100	Material damage	None	513175	662471
201713615932	22/01/2017	02:40	100	Serious injury		512614	662249
2015002534	21/02/2015	11:30	100	Minor Injury	Rear end, straight	512486	662251
201713906229	23/04/2023	10:20	100	Minor Injury		511960	662041
2015040397	12/12/2015	05:30	100	Material damage	Single Vehicle Only	511773	661952
201714185218	24/07/2017	00:30	100	Material damage		511133	661882
2015008583	14/01/2015	05:30	100	Material damage	Single Vehicle Only	510633	661822
201613413677	16/11/2016	19:16	100	Minor Injury	Head-On Conflict	510215	661772
201714333909	12/09/2017	12:15	60	Minor Accident		499659	655461

201613095212	29/07/2016	11:55	50	Material Damage		499711	655420
201612888537	13/05/2016	17:48	50	Material Damage		499873	655568
2015010408	10/02/2015	13:50	50	Material Damage	Rear End, Straight	500056	655690
201612855667	03/05/2016	18:15	60	Material Damage	Rear End, Straight	500215	655782
201613137480	13/08/2013	02:05	50	Material Damage		500354	655860
201613498452	13/12/2016	18:35	100	Material Damage		501326	656506
2015004215	03/07/2003	17:10	100	Minor Injury		501416	656568
2015024909	16/07/2015	07:40	100	Material Damage	Head-On Conflict	502299	656886
201612843527	29/04/2016	16:00	100	Material Damage		502524	656969
201612938056	01/06/2016	07:50	100	Material Damage		503557	657323
201612799416	12/04/2016	13:06	100	Material Damage	Rear End, Straight	504623	657975
2015012310	03/03/2015	08:05	100	Material Damage	Single Vehicle Only	505222	658393
201714190246	25/07/2025	18:50	100	Material Damage		505774	658809
2015009030	27/01/2015	11:30	100	Material Damage	Single Vehicle Only	505900	658885
201612793294	09/04/2016	16:30	100	Material Damage		505977	658906
201612933253	30/05/2016	14:18	100	Material Damage	Rear End, Straight	506652	659251
2015017576	29/05/2015	17:00	100	Material Damage	Rear End, Straight	507343	659743
201714320320	07/09/2017	10:45	100	Material Damage		507437	659808
201613033211	06/07/2316	14:05	100	Material Damage		507471	659842
201613497925	13/12/2016	09:30	100	Material Damage	Head-On Conflict	507596	659954
2015023023	26/06/2015	15:17	100	Material Damage	Not Specified	508101	660338
201612539649	09/01/2016	13:30	100	Material Damage		508153	660376
201713621057	23/01/2017	16:40	100	Material Damage		508284	660510
201613421755	19/11/2016	05:50	100	Material Damage		508993	661064

2015023818	04/07/2015	17:30	100	Material Damage	Rear End, Straight	509079	661135
201613011890	28/06/2016	17:45	80	Material Damage	Rear End, Straight	509380	661390
201612555630	15/01/2016	07:30	100	Material Damage		509523	661488
201714609992	11/12/2017	09:15	100	Material Damage	Angle, Right Turn	509991	661691
201713660820	05/02/2017	07:50	100	Material Damage		510041	661702

*Response Ends*

Ann Cronin, SEE, Road Design

Cllr. Lynch referred to the revised Speed Limits introduced on the N68 last year and the impact that this was having on economic development as well as potentially delaying emergency vehicles. He added that over 3,600 people had signed a petition calling for a further review of the speed limits on the N68.

**17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch**

**“That the Engineer carry out an assessment and present a report on footpath condition for:**

- **Shannon heights**
- **Cappa Drive**
- **Marina to Cappa Pier**

**To develop a programme of works for improvement works”**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Chambers

*Reply*

An assessment of footpaths in these areas will be carried out. This will be added to the programme of works for footpaths throughout Kilrush and priority developed based on condition and use of footpaths throughout the town.

*Response Ends*

John O’ Malley, A/SEO, West Clare Municipal District

**18. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating**

**“To request Clare Co Council for an update report on the road flooding at Shragh”.**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

*Reply*

The most recent storm events in February 2020 have caused the L20423 to be impassable for a number of days. Flood Relief Options Surveys and reports have been produced and bridge surveys carried out.

Discussions are currently ongoing with landowners in the area re a possible alternative access during severe flood events. Plans to raise the level of the road are also being considered currently and a budget identified.

*Response Ends*

John O' Malley, A/SEO, West Clare Municipal District

**19. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating**

**“To request Clare Co Council to carry out road resurfacing on L6051 at Mt. Charles Tce, Kilkee ”.**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

*Reply*

This area is not on the current Roadworks Programme. The road in the area will be maintained within resources available and the area considered for future funding. This is an area that may be considered for a Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) and will be investigated further.

*Response Ends*

John O' Malley, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

**20. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating**

**“To request a progress report on the Flood Relief Scheme for Kilkee ”.**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Murphy

*Reply*

I wish to respond as follows:

**Background**

The Office of Public Works undertook the National Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Programme to set out how to manage flood risk effectively and sustainably in flood risk areas. It focused on 300 communities one of which was Kilkee. The OPW used historic data, public consultations with local communities, government agencies and local authorities and modern engineering techniques to inform the study. A preferred option was identified at a high level for Kilkee.

**Current Status**

The proposed Kilkee Flood Relief Scheme estimated at €3.1m was included in Minister Boxer Morans announcement of the first Tranche of schemes to progress as part of the Government's commitment of €1 billion to Flood Relief schemes identified in CFRAMS. Following which, a Design Brief was drawn up and Consultants JBA were appointed in December 2019 following a tender competition to carry out the works. Three meetings of the Steering Group have already taken place and work has begun on the necessary data collection that will inform the potential options and the Preliminary Design. There have been a number of visits to site by environmental and technical experts as well as a number of meetings with local stakeholders and property owners affected. A public information day is planned for the town very soon, possibly in late March/early April. We have set up a web site that will contain all the plans and details of the scheme and keep the public up to date on progress. The website can be accessed on [www.kilkeefrs.ie](http://www.kilkeefrs.ie)

## **Next Steps**

The programme of works at this stage is as follows:

1. Option assessment – 18 months
2. Planning – 6 months
3. Detailed Design, Tender – 6 months
4. Construction – 18 to 24 months

All stages are subject to the identification of a scheme that is technically, environmentally and economically viable, the relevant statutory permissions and the approval of relevant authorities. On completion, the scheme will mitigate the incidence of flooding in Kilkee caused by the Victoria and Atlantic streams and encourage future investment in tourism in the area.

I will keep the Members informed as the project progresses and would be happy to receive any inputs they deem necessary

*Response Ends*

Sean Lenihan, Senior Engineer, PMO

## **7. AOB**

Cllr. Killeen complimented the work of the staff of Clare Co Council in dealing with flooding in the Burren lowlands and in the vicinity of the river Shannon.

Cllr. Garrihy congratulated J. O Malley on his new role as A/SEO for the West Clare MD and wished him well in his new role.

Cllr. Lynch suggested that a section go into the Monthly Management Report for Clare Co Council on progress in the West Clare MD

Following a proposal from Cllr. Garrihy it was agreed that the next meeting of the West Clare MD would take place at 4pm in the Community Centre, Miltown Malbay on 5<sup>th</sup> May next.

This then concluded the business of the meeting.

**Signed :**

**Cllr. B Chambers**

**Cathaoirleach**

**Signed :**

**J. Corry**

**Meetings Administrator**

**Dated this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2020.**