

Minutes of March Meeting of West Clare Municipal District, held on 5th March, 2019 at 3 p.m. in West Clare MD Offices, Kilrush

Cathaoirleach sa Cathair:

Cllr. I Lynch,

I Láthair:

Cllr. P.J.Kelly, Cllr. R. Nagle, Cllr. M.Hillery, Cllr. G. Keating, Cllr. C. Curtin, Cllr. B. Chambers, B. Slattery,

Officials present:

Mr. Leonard Cleary, Area Co-Ordinator & Director of Service
Mr. John Leahy, Senior Engineer, Transportation
Mr. J. O'Malley, A/Senior Executive Engineer, West Clare Municipal District
Mr. M. Lahiffe, A/Senior Executive Engineer, West Clare Municipal District
Ms. Cliona Corry, Executive Architect, Planning
Mr. J. Corry, Administrative Officer & Meetings Administrator.

Cllr. Lynch convened the meeting & welcomed those in attendance.

1. Minutes of Meeting of West Clare Municipal District held on 30th January 2019

The Minutes were proposed by Cllr. Chambers & seconded by Cllr. Curtin & agreed.

2. SMDW 2019

J. Leahy went through the SMDW for 2019. He advised at the outset that there was no longer an option to transfer grant funding from Restoration Improvement (RI) to Discretionary Grant. Accordingly therefore he advised that road grants had been increased to compensate for this. He added that the total funding for Roads for the county for 2019 was €33.5m up from €28.5m for 2018. He indicated that the SMDW was prepared based on the existing MD boundaries and that the new boundaries would only be considered in preparing the SMDW for 2020. He mentioned at the outset that the length of road network in Clare per head of population was nearly twice the national average. He advised that there had been a significant increase in the RI grant allocation for 2019 and he advised that Clare Co Council were proposing to do significant improvement works on the R478 between Liscannor and the Cliffs of Moher in 2019. He added that the Drainage grant had increased from that of 2018 and that the RM grant allocation had also marginally increased from that of 2018. He also added that 10 bridges were being repaired in the West Clare MD area in 2019 under the Bridge Rehabilitation grant. He advised that there had been a significant increase in the TII grant allocation for National Secondary overlays in 2019 and that all of these overlays were in the West Clare MD area. J. Corry updated the members regarding the LIS and CIS grant schemes.

Cllr. Kelly indicated that notwithstanding the increased grant allocations that they only dealt with a fraction of the roads in the county. He added that roads did not appear to be on top of the priority list of the Oireachtas Members. Cllr Lynch queried as to how much funding was available for footpath improvements.

J. Leahy advised that Clare Co Council were presently awaiting details as to what the IPB dividend for footpath repairs would be for 2019. He added that it would be significantly less than that of 2018. Cllr. Slattery indicated that Clare needed additional GO's and J Leahy advised that Roads had taken on 16 additional GOs during 2018.

The SMDW was proposed for adoption by Cllr. Keating and seconded by Cllr. Hillery.

3. Cappa Enhancement Strategy

Ms. C. Corry indicated that she was updating the Members on the Cappa Enhancement Strategy for information purposes. She indicated that the Kilrush Town and Environs Dev Plan 2014-2020 had included a separate chapter on Cappa. She advised that while Cappa is dependent on Kilrush for many of its services and functions in a complementary manner to the service town it has a distinct village identity of its own. She added that Cappa can play a role in the sustainability of Kilrush based on the following strategic aims:

- by sensitively developing its distinct maritime village character
- by increasing visitor footfall to Cappa's amenities
- by consolidating and enhancing the core area of Cappa village
- by enhancing the accessibility to the beach and water for recreation
- by developing the use of the pier to its full potential
- by ensuring that any development is sustainable and reflects the sensitivities of the Shannon Estuary

She added that a design consultant had not yet been appointed so it was very much at a Preliminary stage.

Cllr. Lynch said it was very important that the plan would include the road from Kilrush to Cappa from a connectivity point of view.

4. The Historic Towns Initiative 2019, Clare County Council Funding application

Ms. C. Corry gave a presentation on the Historic Towns Initiative. She said that Kilrush was one of 6 applications nationally which was successful. She emphasized that the restoration of the Turrett Lodge as a heritage and Genealogy centre linking the Marina with the Vandeleur Walled Garden was the key element of the application. She added that the Heritage Council had awarded a grant of €190k which had to be drawn down by the 11th of November. She added that a design team was now being procured. It was also indicated that a feasibility study had been carried out already.

Cllr. I. Lynch welcomed the grant and the proposed works. He emphasized that he had set aside funding from his GMA allocation for the Feasibility study and he emphasized the importance of the GMA in funding projects such as this. He also commended the work done by A. Haugh as former Town Manager and by J. Corry as former Town Clerk in helping the development of this project.

5. Taking in Charge – Declaration of Roads in the following estate to be Public Roads in accordance with S11 of the Roads Act 1993

- Páirc na hEaglaise, Corofin

The taking in charge of the roads in this estate was proposed by Cllr Slattery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle & agreed.

6. Taking in Charge – Declaration of Roads in the following estate to be Public Roads in accordance with S11 of the Roads Act 1993

- Gairdini Cluain Buinne (Clonbony Gardens), Miltown Malbay

The taking in charge of the roads in this estate was proposed by Cllr Hillery & seconded by Cllr. Curtin & agreed.

7. Proposed Taking in Charge of Kilrush Business Park

The taking in charge of the roads in this Business Park was proposed by Cllr Lynch & seconded by Cllr. Chambers & agreed.

8. S38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 Traffic Calming on the L1086 at Station Road, Lahinch, Co. Clare

The proposed traffic calming measures were proposed by Cllr. Slattery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle and agreed.

9. S38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 Traffic Calming including a Pedestrian Crossing at Lahinch, Co. Clare

The proposed traffic calming measures were proposed by Cllr. Slattery & seconded by Cllr. Nagle and agreed.

10. Section 183 Disposal of Property at 72 Marian Estate, Kilkee, Co. Clare to Rosaleen Fennell, 72 Marian Estate, Kilkee, Co. Clare.

The disposal was proposed by Cllr. Chambers & seconded by Cllr. Keating & agreed

11. Fix date for May meeting

It was agreed that the next MD meeting would take place at 3pm on 8th May in Ennistymon MD offices. This was subsequently amended to 2pm on 10th May in the Kilrush MD offices.

12. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

“That Clare County Council would give an update on the Taking in Charge of the following estates;

- A. Breaffa Crescent, Spanish Point,*
- B. West Coast View, Crosses of Annagh,*
- C. Woodbine Heights, Spanish Point,*
- D. Sli Liag Ard, Ballard Road, Miltown Malbay,*
- E. Cluain Liag Ard, Ennis Road, Miltown Malbay,”*

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

I wish to reply as follows:

- A. **Breaffa Crescent** – The Statutory Process in relation to the taking in charge of this development commenced on 10th November 2017 with an advertisement in Clare Champion, the closing date for submissions was 22nd December 2017. Water Services have advised that there are many issues with the Treatment Plant in this development and there are no bond monies available. Clare County Council assumed responsibility for the public lighting in this estate in October 2015. In order to advance the Taking in charge process, a funding source needs to be identified for the cost of the works and the Planning Department is in discussion with Water Services in relation to same.
- B. **West Coast View, Crosses of Annagh** – There is a Management Company in place in relation to this development and it was a requirement of one of the conditions of the relevant planning permission that the sale of properties in this development was subject to members becoming part of a Management Company. There are no plans to take this development in charge.
- C. **Woodbine Heights, Spanish Point** – Clare County Council assumed responsibility for the public lighting in this development in August 2015 in the interests of the residents of this estate. There are outstanding works to be carried out in this development including road surfacing works and it is the intention of the Planning Authority to make the bond monies available to the contractor on completion of the road surfacing works. We have been in ongoing communication with the developers of the estate for the last number of years in relation to this matter and again in recent weeks. The developer has in recent days commenced remediation works and it is hoped that these works will be completed in the coming months.
- D. **Sli Liag Ard, Ballard Road, Miltown Malbay** – There is a bond in place for this development which was provided by the new owners of the estate back in 2015. We are not in receipt of a Taking in Charge application from the developers of the estate. We were advised in 2018 that the new owners arranged for contractors to undertake works in the estate. A timeframe for completion of the outstanding works together with an update of the works has recently been requested from the developers.
- E. **Cluain Liag Ard, Ennis Road , Miltown Malbay** – A Taking in Charge Application was received from the developers of this estate in July 2018. We have been engaging with the various sections in relation to works that are required to be carried out in the estate. A letter will then issue to the developers regarding the outstanding works. On completion of these works it is the intention of Clare County Council to commence the statutory process for the taking in charge of the estate.

Response Ends

Kieran O' Donnell, AO, Planning

13. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery

"That the following roads would be included in the 2019 Roadworks Programme;

- **Bauntlieve Road L5206,**
- **Cloontismara Road L1084-40**
- **Dysart Castle road L4154"**

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Slattery

Reply

The following is including in the 2019 SMDW
L5206 – 700m,
L1084 – 1200m
L4154 – 900m

Response Ends
Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE , West Clare Municipal District

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Hillery
“That Clare Count Council would replace the culvert at Breaffa South, Spanish Point at junction of the L62241 road with L482-2 road in the interest of safety.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

This work is included in the Drainage Section of the 2019 SMDW.

Response Ends
Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE , West Clare Municipal District

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating
“That Clare County Council provide wheelchair access to the Beach in Carrigaholt.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Chambers

Reply

Ramped wheelchair access will be reinstalled to the beach in Carrigaholt following sea and storm damage to this area over the last number of years. Signage will also be put in place to ensure that access to the ramp is kept clear. It is planned to have this work complete for the summer season.

Response Ends
John O Malley, A/SEE, West Clare Municipal District

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating
“That Clare County Council provide traffic calming measures outside the Londis Shop in Darragh following a spate of accidents in the interest of safety.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Kelly

Reply

In order to ascertain speeds , volume of traffic and accident data a study of this location on the N68 would be required. This work can be included in the Work Programme of the Road Design Office.

Response Ends
Ann Cronin, SEE, Road Design

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Keating

“That Clare County Council remove the bend on the R484/98 opposite Michael Ryan’s House following a number of accidents at this bend.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

An assessment of the issues at this location is being carried out and consultations are ongoing with the Road Design Section to determine the safest and most cost effective solution. Additional signage and lining will be installed at a number of bends in this area.

Response Ends

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

Cllr Keating indicated that it was important that this matter be addressed and he indicated that he had raised this matter previously.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That the road direction signs for Miltown Malbay be restored as previously requested at the following locations:

- *Maid of Erin Junction, Ennis*
- *Blake’s Corner Ennistymon*
- *Killimer Car Ferry (N67)*
- *Fahy Rd, Kilrush (N67-R483)*
- *Miltown Road, Kilkee (N67)*
- *Cragganock Cross (N67-L162280)*
- *Cloonadrum Cross (N67-R483)”*

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

The National Road Signposting scheme was rolled out by the TII a number of years back. The signposting requirements for the National Routes were specifically designed on that occasion. Clare County Council will raise these specific locations with the TII and request a response in this regard.

Response Ends

Morgan Lahiffe and John O’ Malley, A/SEE’s, West Clare Municipal District

Cllr Curtin indicated that it was as if Miltown Malbay had been wiped off the map and he didn’t understand the rationale for same.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That Driver Speed Feed Back signs be provided in Kilmihil village on the R484, at St. Michael’s Community College and on the Kilrush road (L2078) and a direction sign be provided for Kilmihil Primary School ,”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Lynch

Reply

Funding is being sourced for driver feedback signs currently under the Clár initiative. The signs in Kilmihil will be considered as part of this. A sign will also be provided for Kilmihil Primary School with the Councillors assistance.

Response Ends

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

20. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Curtin

“That Eir be requested to prioritise the extension of the Broadband Infrastructure to cover the cluster of houses in Lisroe, Kilmaley”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Kelly

Reply

Clare Co Council will write to EIR to highlight the prioritisation of this Broadband extension

Response Ends

John Corry, Meetings Administrator, West Clare MD and AO, Transportation

Cllr. Curtin indicated that it was a case of discrimination as there was a concentration of 38 houses within a two mile radius. He queried if there was anything that IT could do to assist. L. Cleary indicated that he would speak to the Rural Broadband Officer on the matter.

21. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“With the successful application under the Rural Regeneration Development Fund and the announcement that €465.571 was approved by Minister Micheal Ring for the proposed Service Centre in Doolin. I am asking Clare County council to invite the consultants who were appointed in early 2016, at a cost of €450k, to attend an urgent meeting with the West Clare Councillors with a full progress report and hopefully a design for the Service Centre ,and if a design for the centre is not available promptly that the consultants contract would be terminated.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle

Reply

Members will be aware that a multi disciplinary Design Team was appointed to carry out a Masterplan for the Doolin area which included a Visitors Services Building at the Pier and an Enhancement Strategy for the village. Significant work has been done in terms of public consultation, data gathering, flood risk assessment, wastewater treatment options and car parking requirements.

Given the significant level of community and business interest, much of the focus to date has been directed on the Village Enhancement Strategy part of the brief. Following the successful public meeting held late last summer, consensus was reached on the way forward which allowed the Strategy to be finalised towards the end of 2018.

In September 2018, we applied for RRDF funding and as the motion states, we were successful in same as announced in recent weeks. This allows us now to proceed at pace with the detailed design, planning permission and tender preparation for the construction of the Visitor Services Building and ancillary site works at the Pier.

I will have a timeline on the design and delivery of the Visitors Service Building in the coming weeks which I will circulate to the members. A briefing can be arranged with the members as soon as possible thereafter.

Response Ends

Sean Lenihan, Senior Engineer , Project Management Office (PMO)

L. Cleary indicated that he could understand the Members frustrations with delays being experienced with the development of the Service Centre. He said that he would arrange a Briefing for the members with both the Consultants and the PMO to update them on progress.

22. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“Once again I am requesting that Clare county council liaise with their supplier for public lighting, Airtricity Ireland with a view to extending the public lighting up as far as John Ahern’s house on school road Lahinch.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle

Reply

A contract is being developed in 2019 for LED rollout in 2020. Some additional public lights may be considered under the contract. We will keep them under review in 2019 as funding becomes available

Response Ends

Pat Lynch, EE, Transportation

J. Leahy advised that there was a Budget provision for some additional lights at specific locations throughout the county. He added that there wasn’t an adequate budget for Public Lighting and that Clare Co Council needed to look at increasing its Own Resources as part of the Budget preparations going forward.

Cllr. Slattery said that it was not satisfactory for people paying development charges but yet that they couldn’t get public lighting.

23. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Slattery

“I am requesting the Senior Executive Engineer in the Ennistymon area office to liaise with the Environment section of Clare County Council to provide funding for replacement of the wooden steps leading to the beach at Fanore as they are in a terrible state and dangerous. I also request that the wire fencing across from the toilets be replaced with complete new fencing as the old stakes are rotten and the wire is broken and sticking up through the grass in several places”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Nagle

Reply

*We are currently reviewing the “**Fanore Beach and Management Report**” which was previously commissioned by the “Burren and Cliffs of Moher Tourism for Conservation LIFE Project”. This report has a number of recommendations with regard to fencing and access to the beach. As a first step we will be removing the existing damaged fencing with a view to replacing sections where recommended in the report. The existing steps to the beach will also be repaired as a temporary measure while options are explored for a more permanent long term solution . The long term access solution will also have to take cognisance of the shifting dune system and be sympathetic to the landscape.*

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer, Environment and Water Services.

Morgan Lahiffe, A/SEE, indicated that he had met with the contractor in the past few days and he confirmed that the contractor was working towards having the steps re-instated to an adequate standard by 17th March.

24. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That the West Clare MD reactivate plans for the public park, with access to Aldi, at Place de Plouzane and up update on the previously proposed Bus park”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

This was initially scoped as part of the Kilrush Town and Environs Plan 2014-2020, in which there is potential recognised to develop a People’s Park. Discussions are ongoing currently between the West Clare MD and Rural Development Directorate re progressing this plan. It is hoped that it could be funded under the Department of Rural and Community Development Outdoor Recreation Infrastructural Scheme 2019. An application will be made once this scheme is announced.

The proposed bus park has been assessed and is considered a suitable location for this proposal. It needs to be developed in conjunction with the overall plan for the area, including the possible Public Park. Developing coach parking in this area is an objective of the Kilrush Town and Environs Development Plan 2014-2020 and this will be developed in consultation with the Kilrush Town Team and Rural Development Directorate.

Response Ends

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

J. O’ Malley advised that this was something that could be progressed quiet quickly if there was agreement between all parties.

25. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That works be carried out to the access footpaths at the blue flag beach at Cappa”.

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Chambers

Reply

Unlike many of the other blue flag beaches in County Clare Cappa beach has shingle/cobble on the foreshore as opposed to sand. This can at times be difficult underfoot when accessing the water. However

there is currently a set of steps and path which facilitates this access. The notice of motion is calling for this pathway/steps to be raised further to perhaps bring it sufficiently above the level of the shingle on the beach and thereby keep it free from stones. Although I can see the benefit of such a scheme I do not believe it would be in keeping with the overall beach landscape to install such a raised pathway. It may also create an unintended erosion pattern and would invariably lead in my opinion to shingle mounding on the windward side and scouring away on the leeward side depending on tide movements. This mounding of shingle through tide or storm action would make the scheme ineffective with shingle being deposited in any event on a raised pathway.

Response Ends

Cyril Feeney, Senior Engineer, Environment and Water Services.

Cllr. I . Lynch advised that 98% of the swimming that took place at Cappa took place at the Pier side as opposed to the beach side. He suggested that these works needed to be incorporated into the Strategy for Cappa.

26. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Lynch

“That resurfacing works be carried out on Toler St and Griffin road, Kilrush”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

Toler Street is not included in the 3 Year Roadworks Programme 2019-2021 but immediate necessary repairs will be carried out to the road to ensure that the standard of this road is maintained.

Griffin Road is included in the 3 Year Roadworks Programme 2019-2021. Currently it is planned to carry out work on this road in 2021 as part of this Plan

Response Ends

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

Cllr. Lynch enquired if there was any hope that Griffin Rd could be moved forward to 2020? J. O’ Malley said he would see what could be done.

27. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That Clare County Council would provide Public Lighting at Kilmurry McMahon church”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating

Reply

There is currently 1 public light at the church in Kilmurry McMahon. An assessment of the requirement for additional public lighting at this location will be carried out and determined what additional lighting is required if any. A funding source for this lighting will then have be identified for the work to proceed.

Response Ends

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

28. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Chambers

“That Clare County Council would carry out essential repairs to the bridge on the L2044 at Kilmacduane East, Cooraclare”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

Reply

The Road Design section & MD office are in discussions about the next stage in carrying out repair works to this bridge. The Road Design section will be assessing the bridge in the coming days and will recommend a plan of work following this. Funding will then need to be sourced to carry out repairs.

Response Ends

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

29. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“That Clare County Council would introduce 2 hour parking at Fisher Street Doolin.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Slattery

Reply

Clare Co Council will arrange to examine issues surrounding parking at Fisher Street in Doolin and will look at the possibility of introducing 2 hour parking restrictions to restrict cars parking for prolonged periods and thereby resulting in car parking scarcity and traffic congestion at Fisher Street, Doolin. The introduction and enforcement of such restrictions will need to be considered in association with the proposed service centre at Doolin Pier

Response Ends

John Corry, Meetings Administrator ,West Clare MD and AO Transportation

Cllr. Nagle indicated that the Cliff Walk was causing the problem with people parking for hours at a time. He felt that by introducing two hour parking that it would help solve the problem. He felt that this needed to be considered independently of the proposed Service Centre.

J. Corry advised that additional resources would be required to enforce such Bye Laws and that no provision had been made for same in this years Budget.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kelly and seconded by Cllr. Keating and agreed to suspend Standing Orders to continue the business of the meeting as two hours had elapsed since the meeting had commenced.

30. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

“That Clare County Council would take in charge the Finiona road in Ballyvaughan.”

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Slattery

Reply

This road does not meet the minimum requirements of Clare County Councils Taking In Charge policy and therefore cannot be considered for Taking in Charge.

Response Ends

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

31. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Nagle

"I am again asking that Clare County Council contact the National Transport Authority (NTA) to ensure that coaches stop using Local Rural roads."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Slattery.

Reply

Clare County Council have again communicated the concerns raised to the National Transport Authority (NTA) to highlight the importance of licenced Bus Tour Operators being monitored to ensure that they are using the roads that they are licenced to operate on. An invitation has been extended to a representative from the NTA to attend a meeting of the West Clare Municipal District to discuss.

Response Ends

John Corry, Meetings Administrator ,West Clare MD and AO Transportation

32. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

"That an update report be made on the proposed works at Ballycorick Bridge and the date works are to be completed."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin.

Reply

A Contractor has been appointed to undertake repairs to Ballycorick Bridge on the R473. They are due to commence work during the last week of March with favourable tidal conditions. Works are anticipated to have a duration of 3 to 4 weeks. A Traffic Management Plan will be required.

Response Ends

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

33. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

"That traffic safety arrangements be reviewed and updated at Caherea NS on the N68 in the interests of child safety."

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Keating.

Reply

The speed limit at Caherea NS will be reduced to 80km/hr from 1st June 2019. The West Clare MD are also looking at installing additional signage/driver feedback signs along this stretch. Communications are ongoing with the Caherea National School and there will be a safety talk given by staff of the MD over the coming days.

Response Ends

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

34. Notice of Motion submitted by Cllr. Kelly

“That a report be made available on the following:

- a) Number of applications for LIS schemes in the West Clare area***
- b) The number expected to be done this year***
- c) The criteria used in determining priorities.”***

This Motion was seconded by Cllr. Curtin

Reply

I wish to reply as follows:

- a) Clare County Council has 250 LIS applications on hand as at 5/3/2019. The breakdown of this list by Municipal District is as follows:*

- Ennis MD: 21*
- Killaloe MD: 41*
- Shannon MD: 3*
- West Clare MD: 185*

Total 250

Clare County Council received an allocation of €480,811 from the Department of Rural and Community Development for 2019 and an assessment and prioritisation of these LIS applications is presently taking place with a view to submitting an application of prioritized works for funding by the grant deadline of 1st April 2019.

- b) Clare County Council received an initial LIS allocation of €482,000 in 2018 which facilitated works being carried out to 13 road projects. We would therefore estimate that as the grant allocation received for 2019 is practically identical at €480,811 that a similar no of roads projects would be done. It should be noted that the Department have also invited Local Authorities to submit additional prioritized roads projects for Departmental approval should additional grant funding be made available in 2019. Clare County Council would be hopeful of undertaking a total of 30 projects in total in 2019, similar to 2018.*
- c) In accordance with the terms of the scheme the criteria used in determining the priority afforded to grant applications is a matter for the Local Authority staff & should consider various criteria such as the no of residents/landowners being served by the road, the length of the road & the extent of the works required, special circumstances eg, hardship cases, disabled applicants etc, the condition of the road etc.*

Response Ends

John Corry, Meetings Administrator ,West Clare MD and AO Transportation

Cllr Kelly suggested that the West Clare MD was the poor relation when it came to funding and he suggested that greater support needed to be received from the Oireachtais members in making more funding available.

35. AOB

There was no further business

This then concluded the business of the meeting.

Signed :

**Cllr. I Lynch
Cathaoirleach**

Signed :

**J. Corry
Meetings Administrator**

Dated this the 10th day of May 2019.