

Kerry Local Authorities



Annual Report 2010





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Foreword by The Mayor



As Mayor of Kerry, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2010 Kerry County Council Annual Report.

The activities of this Council have taken place in an uncertain and negative economic climate. Nevertheless, a significant amount of work was carried out by Kerry County Council staff to best improve, protect and promote the county.

For their work, I would like to thank them on behalf of myself, the people of Kerry and my fellow elected councillors.

The start of 2010 and the end of the year saw the county and the country as a whole caught in the grip of a major freeze. It saw people's lives significantly affected and businesses around the county also suffered. However, that the county as a whole was able to function, albeit at reduced levels, was due in no small part to the efforts of the staff of Kerry County Council and other agencies.

In inclement weather conditions, working for long hours, Council staff managed to keep the busiest roads around the county open and operating, while water and housing staff also worked long hours to ensure that the people of the county suffered the least inconvenience possible.

The lessons learned at the start of 2010 by staff and the people of the county were put to good use again at the end of the year, with everyone better prepared to deal with the consequences of the severe weather.

2010 also saw other significant milestones, not least the official opening of the Castleisland Bypass, which will greatly improve travel times into and out of Kerry. Additionally, the Tralee Bypass project was also greatly advanced and we look forward to construction starting during 2011.

To my fellow elected members, I would like to thank you for your efforts on behalf of the people of Kerry during 2010. It is not an easy time to be an elected representative with difficult decisions having to be made in these challenging economic times. However, both elected members and council management are working together for the benefit of the county and together, we will continue to promote Kerry as a great place to live, work and visit.

Cllr Pat Leahy
Mayor of Kerry



County Manager's Statement

As Kerry County Manager, it is my pleasure to present the 2010 Annual Report.

There is no doubt that this report was prepared in difficult economic times, locally, nationally and internationally. The economic situation has had an impact upon the work of Kerry County Council and the Town Councils of Tralee, Killarney & Listowel, as can be seen in the activities outlined by each department in this report.

Reduced funding, both from local and Central Government sources, along with staffing reductions, has placed a significant strain on the Council's ability to deliver crucial services to the people of the county.

Given the economic outlook this is a situation that will continue into the future. As a result, significant decisions must be taken by this Council in relation to the delivery of services.

Already departmental reviews of how we deliver our services have taken place, leading to changes in work practises and redeployment of staff within the organisation. These reviews, along with ongoing value for money audits and cost-saving exercises as provided for by the Croke Park Agreement will challenge Kerry County Council and the Town Councils to continue providing our services to the people of Kerry at the same level as before.

Difficult decisions have been taken and will be taken into the future, but will be coloured by the uncertain economic forecast. Kerry County Council's concentration must be on the provision of core services, such as water and wastewater, roads, housing and environmental protection.

Nevertheless, despite the difficult economic environment that currently exists, Kerry County Council still had a significant budget of almost €130m in 2010 to carry out our work programmes.

Here, I must echo the Mayor in paying credit to our staff for their efforts during the winter freeze at both the start and end of 2010. Council staff displayed a commitment and flexibility throughout this period that kept this county running and showed all that is good about the public service.

This commitment was visible throughout 2010. Significant progress was also made in improving the quality and

security of the county's water supplies, through the provision of new treatment plants, pipe replacement programmes and the Remedial Action List (RAL) scheme, which concentrates on improving smaller water supply schemes.

The official opening of the Castleisland Bypass in October will have a positive impact on travel into and out of the county via Limerick, while the Tralee Bypass will see construction begin in 2011 and will improve traffic flow in the county's capital.

Tourism continues to be the primary contributor to our county's economy and Kerry County Council has been very active in supporting the tourism promotion agencies in Kerry.

The funding earmarked by Kerry County Council to support these agencies will, I hope, assist in identifying key tourist needs and tourist markets, and will help to attract more visitors to the county. Kerry County Council has also made a further financial contribution to the Cork-Swansea Ferry, recognising the positive impact it is having on bringing tourists into the South-West.

Additionally, through the Kerry County Development Board, Kerry County Council continues to work with the job creation agencies to ensure that we have the right environment here in Kerry for attracting investment and jobs to the county.

Our Kerry Diaspora throughout the globe provide us with a huge advantage in promoting Kerry as a prime investment location and we are working with them to spread the word that Kerry is open and actively looking for business investment.

Finally, I would like to thank the elected representatives for their work throughout 2010. They recognise the challenges that face this county and the positive working relationship they and the Council officials have can only benefit the county.

Tom Curran
Kerry County Manager

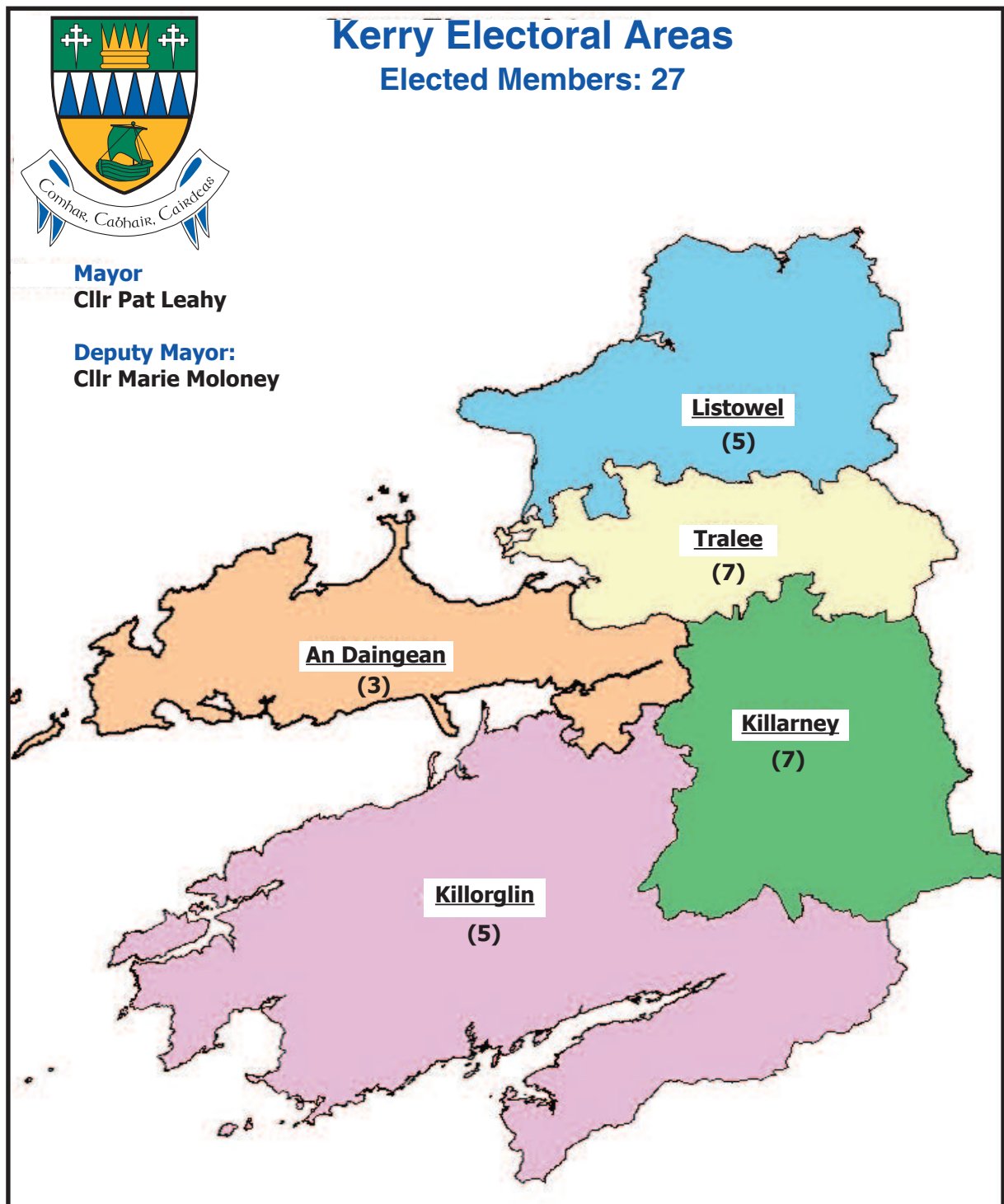




Report on the Activities of Kerry County Council



Membership of Kerry County Council



Membership of Kerry County Council

Killorglin Electoral Area



Cllr Michael Cahill (FF)
Rossbeigh,
Glenbeigh



Cllr Patrick Connor-Scarteen (FG)
5 Main St,
Kenmare



Cllr PJ Donovan (FG)
High Street,
Caherciveen



Cllr Michael Healy-Rae,
Sandymount,
Kilgarvan



Cllr Paul O'Donoghue, (FF)
Castlequin,
Caherciveen

Killarney Electoral Area



Cllr Brendan Cronin,
Rathcomane,
Ballyhar,
Killarney



Cllr Tom Fleming, (FF)
Scartaglin Village,
Killarney.



Cllr Michael Gleeson,
(Sth. Kerry Ind. Alliance)
Clasheen,
Killarney



Cllr Danny Healy-Rae,
Main Street,
Kilgarvan



Cllr Marie Moloney, (Lab)
Coolick,
Kilcummin,
Killarney



Cllr Bobby O'Connell, (FG)
15 Main St,
Castleisland



Cllr John Sheahan, (FG)
Coolgarrive,
Tralee Road,
Killarney



Membership of Kerry County Council

Tralee Electoral Area



Cllr Toiréasa Ferris, (SF)
Cnocáin,
Barrow,
Ardfert



Cllr Jim Finucane (FG)
6 Edward Street,
Tralee



Cllr Norma Foley, (FF)
St. Josephs Guesthouse,
2 Staughton's Row,
Tralee



Cllr Pat McCarthy, (FG)
Maglass,
Ballymacelligott,
Tralee



Cllr Anne McEllistrim, (FF)
Ahane,
Ballymacelligott,
Tralee



Cllr Terry O'Brien, (Lab)
Tonevane,
Tralee



Cllr Arthur Spring (Lab)
1 Brook Lodge,
Oakview Village,
Tralee

Toghcheantar an Daingin



Cllr Seamus Cosai Fitzgerald (FG)
Droichead Ban,
Glens,
An Daingean



Cllr Brendan Griffin (FG),
Keel,
Castlemaine



Cllr Michael D O'Shea (FF)
Main Street,
Milltown

Listowel Electoral Area



Cllr Robert Beasley, (SF)
Puicin,
Doon Road,
Ballybunion



Cllr John Brassil (FF)
The Pharmacy,
Ballyheigue



Cllr Tim Buckley, (FG)
Knockane,
Listowel



Cllr Pat Leahy, (Lab)
Clounbrane,
Moyvane



Cllr Liam Purtill (FG)
Main Street,
Ballylongford

Report on Council Meetings

Council Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month with the exception of September where it is held on the second Monday and August when no meeting takes place. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at Áras an Chontae, Rathass, Tralee. During 2010 the full Council met on 19 occasions.

One of the key responsibilities of the Council is to determine policies to ensure the effective delivery of services to the people of Kerry. During 2010, the following major decisions were made by the Council:

- Adoption of 2010 Road Works Programme – (March Special Meeting)
- Making of the South Western River Basin District and the Shannon International River Basin District Management Plans (April Meeting)
- Making of Kerry County Council Bye Laws for Cemeteries 2010 (June Meeting)
- Making of the Killorglin Functional Area Local Area Plan 2010 – 2016 (July Meeting)
- Making of Kerry County Council Litter Management Plan 2010 – 2013 (July Meeting)
- Making of Kerry Local Authorities Irish Scheme II 2010 – 2013 (October Meeting)
- Adoption of Anti-Social and Nuisance Behaviour Strategy for Kerry Local Authorities (November Meeting)



World Champion Rower Monika Dukarska with her family at the Civic Reception held in Áras an Chontae in her honour in February 2010.



Report on Council Meetings

Civic Receptions

- Ms. Monika Dukarska – to mark her success on winning the Ladies Singles at the World Coastal Rowing Championship 2009
- Owners and Trainer of “Lisloose Accord” – on winning the Irish Coursing Oaks and Coursing Bitch of the Year Award for 2009/2010 and the Owners and Trainer of “College Causeway” – on winning the 2009 Irish Derby, the Ladbroke 600 and Track Greyhound of the Year Award 2009
- Castlegregory Junior Football Team and Officials – on winning the County, Munster, All-Ireland Junior Club Football Championship
- Mr. John Fitzgerald – on winning the 2010 World Irish Dancing Championship – U18 Men’s Title

Mayoral Receptions

- Kerry U14 Camogie Team – on winning the Féile na nGael Competitions 2008, 2009
- Welcoming of the European Entrepreneurial Region Jury Delegation
- Farewell Barbecue for the 2010 Rose Contestants, their Families and Centre

Electoral Area Receptions

Listowel Electoral Area

- Naomi O’Brien – National Girl Champion of Ireland and National Junior Cadet Champion of Ireland 2010
- Niamh Ball – National Girl Champion of Ireland 2010
- Brian Wall – National Cadet Champion of Ireland 2010

Killarney Electoral Area

- Castleisland Community College, Second Year Girls Basketball Team – on winning ‘The Bank of Ireland Student Awards 2010’

Killorglin Electoral Area

- Iveragh Park Residents Association – on winning ‘The Pride of Place Awards’
- Pobalscoil Inbhear Scéine, Kenmare – on winning the All-Ireland Colleges ‘C’ Football and All-Ireland Under 16 Basketball Finals 2009 - 2010



Report on Electoral Area Meetings

Electoral Area	Chair	Area Manager	No. of Meetings
An Daingean	An Comh. Seamus Cosáí Fitzgerald	An tUasal Seán Ó Floinn	5
Killarney	Cllr. Michael Gleeson	Mr. John Breen	5
Killorglin	Cllr. Paul O'Donoghue	Mr. John Flynn	5
Listowel	Cllr Tim Buckley	Mr. Charlie O'Sullivan	5
Tralee	Cllr. Pat McCarthy	Mr. Michael McMahon	5



Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Bobby O'Connell hosted a Civic Reception held for the owners of Lisloose Accord and College Causeway, Dogs of the Year at Kingdom Greyhound Track, Tralee in June 2010.



Report on Corporate Policy Group & Strategic Policy Committees

Corporate Policy Group

The Corporate Policy Group is a Committee of the Council whose membership comprises the Mayor and Chairpersons of the five Strategic Policy Committees. The Committee co-ordinates the work of the different SPCs and provides a forum where policy positions prepared by the SPCs are discussed in advance of submission to the full Council. The full Council retains the decision making responsibility on all policies recommended by an SPC.

The CPG met on 11 occasions in 2010.

Transport SPC

Report by Cllr Patrick Connor Scarteen (Chair)



During 2010 the committee considered a number of plans and policies. These included:-

- Review of Policy on Naming and Marking of Roundabouts/Bridges/New Roads
- Review of Hedgecutting Policy
- Report on Road Safety Education Programme
- Report on Sustainable Rural Transport
- Report on the provision of Taxi Ranks in towns
- Kerry County Council Draft Casual Trading Bye-Laws for Killorglin
- Kerry County Council Draft Car Park Bye-Laws
- Kerry County Council Draft Harbour Bye-Laws

<i>Councillors</i>	<i>Sectors Represented</i>	<i>Representatives</i>
Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen (Chair)	Community/Voluntary	Carmel Walsh
Cllr Michael Healy-Rae	Trade Union	John Boner
Cllr Pat Leahy	Agriculture/Farming	Vacant
Cllr Anne McEllistrim	Business/Commercial	Michael O'Carroll
Cllr Tim Buckley	Environmental/Conservation	Oonagh Comerford
Cllr Jimmy Moloney	Listowel Town Council	

Report on Corporate Policy Group & Strategic Policy Committees

Environment & Water Services SPC

Report by Cllr Brendan Cronin (Chair)

The Environment and Water Services Strategic Policy Committee met on three occasions during 2010. The following items relating to the Environmental Services work programme were considered at the meetings:



- The River Basin District Management Plans.
- The Litter Management Plan 2010.
- Waste Management Policy Update
- Capital Works update on the North Kerry Landfill Gas Project and the Landfill Phase 9 Development.
- Bathing Water Quality Regulations, 2008 (S.I. No.79 of 2008)
- Blue Flag Beach Results 2010.
- Introduction of Camera Surveillance as a litter management initiative.

<i>Councillors</i>	<i>Sectors Represented</i>	<i>Representatives</i>
Cllr. Brendan Cronin (Chair)	Community/Voluntary	Seamus Roche
Cllr. Michael Gleeson	Environmental/Conservation	Patrick Casey
Cllr. Paul O'Donoghue	Development/Construction	Richard Walsh
Cllr. Jim Finucane	Agriculture/Farming	Conor Creedon
Cllr. Brendan Griffin		
Cllr. Denis Stack	Listowel Town Council	



Castlegregory Junior All-Ireland Club Football Championship holders, who were honoured by Kerry County Council with a Civic Reception at Áras an Chontae in June 2010.



Report on Corporate Policy Group & Strategic Policy Committees

Planning & Economic Development SPC

Report by Cllr Pat McCarthy (Chair)

The Planning and Economic Development SPC met on three occasions during 2010 and considered a number of key policy documents such as:

- Telecommunication Mast Standards and Guidelines
- Report on the main provisions of the Planning & Development Act 2010
- Update on unfinished Housing Estates
- Report on the work programme of the Forward Planning Unit
- Review of the Killorglin & Kenmare Functional Area Plans



<i>Councillors</i>	<i>Sectors Represented</i>	<i>Representatives</i>
Cllr. Pat McCarthy (Chair)	Environmental/Conservation	Ms. Catherine McMullin
Cllr. John Brassil	Trade Union	Patrick Hanafin
Cllr. Séamus Fitzgerald	Business/Commercial	Seamus O'Donovan
Cllr. Michael O'Shea	Agriculture/Farming	James McCarthy
Cllr. John Sheahan		
Cllr. Terry O'Brien		
Cllr. Cathal Walshe	Killarney Town Council	



Irish World Champion Dancer John Fitzgerald, who was honoured with a Civic Reception by Kerry County Council, following his victory at the World Irish Dancing Championships in Glasgow.

Report on Corporate Policy Group & Strategic Policy Committees

Community, Cultural and Tourism SPC

Report by Cllr. Michael Cahill (Chair)

The Community, Cultural and Tourism SPC met twice in 2010 on February 9th and October 12th. A third meeting was postponed due to the severe weather in November. Matters discussed included:



- Arts update including the Public Arts Policy and the Arts Plan in the current economic environment.
- The review of the Kerry Integrated Traveller Strategy.
- Kerry Local Authority Irish Language Scheme.
- Tourism Updates including information on Fáilte Kerry, All Kerry Tourism and the role of the Tourism Strategy Group
- Kerry Library Service updates including the service overview, the Texting Project and the Library Events and Exhibition Policy.
- The Kerry Integration Strategy and the arrangements for the Launch by Mayor Pat Leahy.
- The Community Communications Network Project including the arrangements for the Seminar in October and the review of the response to the severe weather.
- Progress on the Community Engagement Strategy.

<i>Councillors</i>	<i>Sectors Represented</i>	<i>Representatives</i>
Cllr. Michael Cahill (Chair)	Trade Union	Andrew McCarthy
Cllr. Danny Healy-Rae	Community/Voluntary	Maura Fitzgerald
Cllr. Robert Beasley	Community/Voluntary	Matt Mooney
Cllr. Bobby O'Connell	Business/Commercial (Tourism)	Mary Rose Stafford
Cllr. Liam Purtill		
Cllr. Mairéad Fernane	Tralee Town Council	



Mayor of Kerry Cllr Bobby O'Connell hosted a Mayoral Reception for the Kerry u-14 Camogie team in March to honour their Féile na nGael winning exploits in both 2008 and 2009.



Report on Corporate Policy Group & Strategic Policy Committees

Housing & Social Support SPC

Report by Cllr. Arthur Spring (Chair)

The Housing & Social Support SPC met four times in 2010. Through these meetings there is an opportunity to consider the wider social housing policy area in a Kerry context and formulate local housing policy as appropriate. The more important matters are included in the Chairman's report to the Council following the SPC meetings for the members' information. Among the main items considered were as follows:-



- Anti Social Behaviour Strategy as required in accordance with the 2009 Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act
- Joint Regional Framework Homelessness Plan/Regional Action Plan for Homeless Services 2011-2013
- Rent & Loan Arrears Management Policy
- Refusals Policy
- Void Management Procedures
- Housing Adaptation Grants Scheme
- Review of the Rental Accommodation Scheme & the Social Housing Leasing Initiative & issues arising
- Intensified inspection of private rented properties
- Review of Part V of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended)
- Review of the operation of the Kerry Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
- Review of operation of the Shared Ownership Scheme & issues arising
- Valuations under the Tenant Purchase Sales scheme and issues arising

<i>Councillors</i>	<i>Sectors Represented</i>	<i>Representatives</i>
Cllr. Arthur Spring (Chair)	Community/Voluntary	John O'Sullivan
Cllr. PJ Donovan	Community/Voluntary	Mary Grandfield
Cllr. Tom Fleming	Community/Voluntary	Eileen Mayse
Cllr. Norma Foley	Development/Construction	Richard Walsh
Cllr. Marie Moloney		
Cllr. Toiréasa Ferris		
Cllr. Seán O'Grady	Killarney Town Council	
Cllr. Pat Hussey	Tralee Town Council	

Membership of Boards/Committees 2010

Chairs of the SPCs	
<p>Community, Culture & Tourism Cllr. Michael Cahill</p> <p>Planning & Economic Development Cllr. Pat McCarthy</p> <p>Transport Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen</p>	<p>Housing & Social Support Cllr. Arthur J Spring</p> <p>Environment & Water Services Cllr. Brendan Cronin</p>
Kerry Education Service	
<p>Cllr. John Brassil Cllr. Anne McEllistrim Cllr. Norma Foley Cllr. Tim Buckley Cllr. Brendan Griffin Cllr. Jim Finucane Cllr. P.J. Donovan Cllr. Terry O'Brien Cllr. Marie Moloney</p>	<p>Non Elected Nominees Ms. Sheila Casey Ms. Kerry Harty Beauseigneur Mr. John J. O'Connor Mr. David Toomey</p>
Kerry County Rural Water Committee	Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee
<p>Cllr. Michael O'Shea Cllr John Sheahan Cllr. Brendan Griffin Cllr. Arthur J. Spring Cllr. Marie Moloney Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen</p>	<p>Cllr. Tom Fleming Cllr. Brendan Griffin Cllr. Jim Finucane Cllr. Arthur J. Spring Cllr. Pat Leahy</p>
Association of County and City Councils	IRD Duhallow
<p>Cllr. Paul O'Donoghue Cllr. P.J. Donovan Cllr. John Sheahan</p>	<p>Cllr. John Sheahan Cllr. Marie Moloney</p>
Kerry County Enterprise Board Ltd.	Audit Committee
<p>Cllr. Norma Foley Cllr. Brendan Griffin Cllr. Arthur J. Spring Cllr. Terry O'Brien</p>	<p>Cllr. Liam Purtill Cllr. Arthur J. Spring</p>
Association of County and City Councils	IRD Duhallow
<p>Cllr. Paul O'Donoghue Cllr. P.J. Donovan Cllr. John Sheahan</p>	<p>Cllr. John Sheahan Cllr. Marie Moloney</p>



Membership of Boards/Committees 2010

Killarney National Park Liaison Committee	Local Authority Members Association
Cllr. John Sheahan	Cllr. Pat Leahy
Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta Teoranta	North and East Kerry Development Company
Cllr. Seamus Fitzgerald	Cllr. Tom Fleming Cllr. Tim Buckley Cllr. Arthur J. Spring
Regional Health Forum – South	South West Regional Authority
Cllr. Michael Healy-Rae Cllr. Brendan Griffin Cllr. Bobby O’Connell Cllr. Marie Moloney Cllr. Terry O’Brien	Cllr. John Brassil Cllr. Michael O’Shea Cllr. Liam Purtill Cllr. Bobby O’Connell Cllr. Seamus Fitzgerald Cllr. Pat Leahy Cllr. Arthur J. Spring
South and Eastern Regional Assembly	South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd.
Cllr. Liam Purtill Cllr. Bobby O’Connell	Cllr. Michael Cahill Cllr. John Sheahan Cllr. Marie Moloney
Southern Regional Drugs Task Force	Tralee Bay Oyster Fishery Society Ltd.
Cllr. Pat Leahy	Cllr. Terry O’Brien
Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners	Tralee Regional Sports and Leisure Company Ltd.
Cllr. Jim Finucane Cllr. Pat McCarthy	Cllr. Terry O’Brien
Kerry Airport plc	
Cllr. Terry O’Brien	
Joint Policing Committee	
An Daingean Electoral Area Cllr. Brendan Griffin Cllr. Seamus Cosáí Fitzgerald	Listowel Electoral Area Cllr. Pat Leahy Cllr. Robert Beasley Cllr. Tim Buckley
Killarney Electoral Area Cllr. Bobby O’Connell Cllr. Michael Gleeson Cllr. Tom Fleming	Tralee Electoral Area Cllr. Anne McEllistrim Cllr. Toiréasa Ferris Cllr. Arthur J Spring
	Killorglin Electoral Area Cllr. Michael Cahill Cllr. Patrick Connor-Scarteen Cllr. P.J. Donovan



Conferences Attended by Elected Members

Conference/Event	Location	Number Attended
Training Seminar on the Welfare of Children	Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	3
UCC Business Conference 2010	Hayfield Manor Hotel, College Road, Cork	2
Irish Renewable Energy Summit 2010	Fairways Hotel Conference Centre, Dundalk, Co. Louth	4
Waste Management and the Law	The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway	1
Antrim Tourism Conference	Dunadry Hotel, Dunadry, Co. Antrim	10
Zurich LAMA Awards	Burlington Hotel, Dublin 4	1
Mid-West Regional Authority 16th Annual Conference	Greenhills Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick	1
Flood Management & Local Government	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	1
AMAI Spring Seminar	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	10
Managing Stress and Promoting Positive Mental Health	The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway	1
Change Management in Local Government	Westport Plaza Hotel, Castlebar Street, Westport, Co. Mayo	1
Atlantic Conference 2010 - On Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths Education	Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	1
Colmcille Winter School	Colmcille Heritage Centre, Gartan, Church Hill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	15
ACCC Annual Conference 2010	Ballykisteen Hotel, Limerick Junction, Co. Tipperary	5
18th Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference	Manor West Hotel, Tralee, Co. Kerry	3
Local Government Housing Service	Killarney Plaza Hotel and Spa, Kenmare Place, Killarney, Co. Kerry	7
Climate Change, Impacts and Strategies Going Forward	Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	1
LAMA Annual Conference 2010	Sligo Park Hotel, Pearse Road, Sligo	10
Supporting Child Contact - The Need for Child Contact Centres in Ireland	Dublin Castle, Dublin 2	1
IPI National Planning Conference 2010	Tullamore Court Hotel, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	1
BMW Regional Assembly Annual Conference 2010	Cavan Crystal Hotel, Dublin Road, Cavan	1



Conferences Attended by Elected Members

Conference/Event	Location	Number Attended
Library Association of Ireland- CILIP Ireland Annual Joint Conference 2010	Maldron Hotel, Tallaght, Dublin 24	2
New EPA Guidelines for Single Houses	Glenlo Abbey Hotel, Bushypark, Galway	7
Transforming Public Services II	Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin	1
Transport Ireland 2010	Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin	1
Local Government & the Environment	The Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	1
Inaugural Commemoration of Daniel O'Connell	Glasnevin Cemetery, Dublin	1
Business Investments Training Seminar	Lawlors Hotel, Poplar Square, Naas, Co. Kildare	1
A Tale of Two Cities' - Learning to develop more effective strategies to tackle urban disadvantage.	Rialto, Dublin	1
The Cost of Insurance and Claims to your Local Authority	The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway	1
Professional Development Conference for Councillors - Being Positive in a Negative Climate	Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, Co. Mayo	2
The Integration of Joint Policing Committees into the Existing Local Authority Structures	Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Cork	2
The 5th Annual Meeting of the European Chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists	The Majestic Hotel, Tramore, Co. Waterford	1
Irish Public Bodies Eighty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting	12-14 Lower Mount Street, Dublin 2	1
Defamation Seminar for Councillors - The Law of Defamation as it Affects Councillors	Patrick Punch Hotel, Limerick	6
Universal Design in Legislation, Policy & Practice	Burlington Hotel, Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4	1
UCC - Conferment of Honorary Degrees	Aula Maxima, University College Cork	1
Tarbert Community Care Limited Conference	Lanterns Hotel, Tarbert, Co. Kerry	3
Irish Public Health Activity - "Ireland on the move: enhancing opportunities for physical activity in the built environment"	The Clarion Hotel, Irish Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1	1
Youth Perspectives - Exploring creative youth art and development education methodologies	Camden Palace Hotel, Camden Quay Community Art Centre, 1 Camden Quay, Cork	1



Conferences Attended by Elected Members

Conference/Event	Location	Number Attended
A Practical Guide to Embracing Social Networking - The Modern Medium for Conferences	The Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal	1
Wind & Solar Energy - Elected Members Training Seminar	County Arms Hotel & Leisure Club, Moorpark, Birr, Co. Offaly	4
Synge Summer School 2010	Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow	5
Developing Vibrant Communities through Creativity and Innovation - How Councillors may effectively deliver successful community projects	Holyrood Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal	2
Douglas Hyde Summer School	Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon	1
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2009	The Glenroyal Hotel, Straffen Road, Maynooth, Co. Kildare	3
Health and Safety, Risk Assessment and Insurance in Local Government	Maldron Hotel Galway, Oranmore, Galway	5
Parnell Summer School 2010	Avondale House and Conference Hall, Avondale, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow	4
Waste Management Regulations	The Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway	4
Water Conservation - "Impact of New EPA Guidelines on Planning Applications"	Carlton Atlantic Coast Hotel, The Quay, Westport, Co. Mayo	3
AMAI 97th Annual Conference	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal	2
How to be an effective Mayor or Chairperson	The Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	1
Local Democracy in Changing Times	Charlesland Golf & Country Club Hotel, Greystones, Co. Wicklow	2
Getting a Grip 2010 National Conference on substance and alcohol misuse	The Europe Hotel and Resort, Killarney, Co. Kerry	2
LAMA Autumn Seminar	Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel, Co. Kerry	5
Certificate in Irish Government and Politics	57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4	1
Douglas Hyde Conference 2010	Abbeyfield Hotel, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon	1
National Tourism Conference	Falls Hotel, Ennistymon, Co. Clare	4
Total Waste Prevention - 'How to reduce costs and optimise resources for your business'	Radisson Blu Hotel, Cork	1



Events held outside Ireland

Conferences/Seminars/Meetings attended by Councillors outside Ireland in 2010		
Conference/Event	Location	Number Attended
European Entrepreneurial Region Open Day 2010	Brussels, Belgium	3
Visit by Mayor to the US for St. Patrick's Day	Chicago & New York, United States of America	1

The total payment by Kerry County Council in respect of attendance, authorised by the authority, at a meeting of a prescribed association of local authorities of which the authority is a member, and attendance, authorised by the authority, at a conference, seminar or other meeting or event was €114,495.19 in 2010. The breakdown of this figure is as follows:

Travel and Subsistence expenses within the state	Travel and Subsistence expenses outside the state	Conference Registration Fees
€82,478.85	€1,261.68	€30,754.66



County Manager, Tom Curran, Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Bobby O'Connell and Mayor of Tralee, Cllr Arthur Spring, welcome the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland, His Excellency Liu Biwei and his wife, Madam Fan Cun to Áras an Chontae in June 2010

Director's Report on Housing & Social Support

Director of Services: John Breen



Senior Staff:

Senior Executive Officer: Liam Quinlan

Senior Executive Architect: Deirdre Sullivan

The provision of housing and social support services is about helping people. People request shelter and accommodation from the Local Authority who are determined to provide it in the best manner possible, in a way which meets the needs of the applicant.

The Housing & Social Support Directorate is responsible for the provision, management and maintenance of social housing and social housing supports in the County of Kerry. This happens through the direct provision of built units, the provision of units through the Rental Accommodation Scheme, meeting the housing needs of homeless persons, enforcement of private rented standards and other regulations and legislation dealing with housing policy and social supports.

The Housing Directorate also provides community and development supports and tenancy management services to ensure that all of its tenants can enjoy peaceful enjoyment of their home. However, the current economic situation has led to changes in the manner in which the Housing Department carries out their work. There has been a significant increase in the number of people who have sought assistance from the Housing Department, leading to greater pressure on staff and resources.

Reductions in funding ensure that certain sectors have seen a reduction in activity, with other areas seeing an increase. For example, the reduction in funding for the construction and purchase in social housing has seen a move towards other ways of sourcing social housing, such as long-term leasing. Also, there has been a significant increase in those applying for Housing Adaptation Grants.

Housing Adaptation Grant Schemes for Older People and People with a Disability

- Total allocation 2010: € 4,061,250 (14.5% increase on 2009)
- €3,249,000 from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government
- €812,250 provided from Kerry County Council's own resources.
- 762 applications received.
- 831 grant approvals were issued to grant applicants.
- 694 grant payments made in respect of completed works.



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Construction & Acquisition Programme

Funding for social housing construction and acquisition is made available through the Social Housing Investment Programme. Over the last three years this annual capital funding provided by the DoEHLG has been reduced substantially.

- Total allocation 2010: €5.175m (compared to €19m in 2007)

The only construction projects underway at the end of 2010 were:

- Four Single Rural Dwellings
- Three local authority extensions and Improvement Works in Lieu projects.
- Four group housing schemes which started in 2009 were finished using 2010:
- Waterville (14)
- Rathmore (12)
- Portmagee (6)
- An Daingean (6)
- Single Rural Dwellings (7)

All 45 of these units have all been allocated and are currently occupied. A further 9 units were purchased on the open market.

Rental Accommodation & Social Housing Leasing Scheme

- 170 private tenants transferred to RAS in 2010
- Total of 520 RAS tenants in private accommodation.
- 70 RAS tenants in voluntary accommodation.

The Social Housing Leasing Initiative is still relatively new and throughout the year a significant number of proposals were examined. It is anticipated that a number of leasing proposals will be up and running in 2011.

Voluntary Housing

The contract for the construction of 22 Voluntary Housing Units at Hawley Park/Mitchels Road, Boherbee, Tralee by Kingdom Voluntary Rural Housing Association was signed towards the end of 2010. The construction of these units has been grant aided under the Voluntary Housing Capital Assistance Scheme at a cost of €3,364,190.

In accordance with a Special Call for Proposals in late 2010 for the acquisition and refurbishment of housing units under the Voluntary Housing Capital Assistance Scheme, three separate projects involving a total of 24 units in Tralee, Killarney and Killorglin were approved by the DoEHLG to the overall value of €2.87m.

Assessment of Housing Need

- Significant increase in applications over past two years.
- 638 new applications for housing were received.
- Requirement that households seeking rent allowance must first have their housing need determined by the local authority adding to staff workload.

Local Authority Housing Lettings

- 215 offers of standard local authority accommodation made through a combination of filling casual vacancies and new builds and acquisitions

Anti Social Behaviour Strategy

- Kerry County Council adopted its Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy
- Prior Garda vetting of prospective tenants is now an established and accepted practice.



Director's Report on Housing & Social Support

Inspections of Private Rented Accommodation

- Special funding from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government of €85,761 for intensified inspections under the Private Rented Standards
- Additional 500 inspections to be carried out to the end of 2011.
- Properties which are the subject of rent supplement payments and which are not registered with the PRTB will be inspected as will inspections in respect of prospective RAS tenancies.

Energy Efficiency Works

- Increased allocation of €1.145m received from the DoEHLG.
- Significant energy measures carried out to 97 houses.
- Plumbing & electrical works
- Insulation works
- Fitting of solar panels.
- Energy cost savings for tenants estimated to be from €1,700 to €2,776 per annum.

Traveller Accommodation

- Deerpark Halting Site refurbishment programme completed.
- €246,000 spent on these works.
- All-weather play area for children,
- Development of paths/cycle path,
- Provision of additional lighting, improved signage, painting, replacement of shed doors
- Resurfacing of roadways within the site,
- Installation of community facility for use by the residents,
- Increased storage space,
- Enlargement of one unit,
- Provision of perimeter fencing and fencing of the playground and landscaping of the site.

This work was the result of a partnership approach between HSE, Kerry County Council and residents to addressing traveller needs and improving living conditions for traveller families.

Derelict Sites /Dangerous Structures

Kerry County Council has been targeting derelict sites in towns and villages along the main tourist routes in the county, as well as some of the larger towns.

44 complaints received in relation to structures that were a danger to the public.

Majority of cases dealt with promptly by property owners without recourse to statutory notice.

Section 8 notices issued	28
Section 11 notices issued	26
Levies demanded	46
Derelict Sites added to register	25
Derelict Sites removed from register	24
No. of sites on Register at the 31st Dec.	114



Director's Report on Roads, Transportation & Safety



Director of Services: Charlie O'Sullivan

Senior Staff:

Senior Engineer- Transport Network Operations: Ger MacNamara

Senior Engineer- Kerry National Road Design Office: Matt Corridan

"It is our aim to have a modern, safe and sustainable road network which benefits the people, both local and visitor, the economy and the environment and which actively contributes to social inclusion and quality of life"

Kerry County Council's Roads, Transportation & Safety Department consists of four business units, the Kerry National Road Design Office (KNRDO), the Transport Network Operations Section, the Motor Taxation Office and the Health and Safety Section.

The KNRDO and the Transport Network Operations units are primarily responsible for the delivery of a modern, safe and sustainable road infrastructure to support the future growth and economic development of the county, as well as managing Council operated piers and harbours.

Comprising of 95km of National Primary Roads and 335km of National Secondary Roads, the road network links the major towns in the county to the Tralee-Killarney Hub and the national gateways and hubs. However, with over 4,287km of Non-National Roads the network is critical to the social fabric of the county, serving the needs of our predominantly rural communities.

During 2010 various improvements have taken place on the road network, most notably the opening of the Castleisland By-Pass, the significant progression on the advance contract works and tender process for the Tralee By-Pass and the adoption of a Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme by Council for the Tralee Ring Roads Project. The scheme was adopted by Council on the 22nd March 2010.

Other notable improvements have been the opening of Ballynagare Bridge and the numerous surfacing improvement works on the national primary and secondary network countywide. Safety improvement works were carried out at 17 locations.

Off the public road network, two footbridges on the access route to Carrauntuohill were erected by Kerry County Council staff, with strong support from the local community.

The substantial reduction in Regional and Local Roads funding over the past two years has resulted in a significant impact on available resources and employment in the county, with the non replacement of retired staff and the non-renewal of temporary contracts for staff. However, Kerry County Council is examining new technologies, such as in-situ recycling of road-making materials, as well as revised work procedures, in consultation with our staff and their unions, to ensure effective value for money in the delivery of the roads programme.

In 2010 over €60m was invested in the planning, design, development and maintenance of our 4,717km road network, with improvements carried out to almost 181km of the road network.



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Kerry County Council spent €32m on our local and regional road network. The Three Year Road Restoration Programme was completed and a new three year programme was adopted by the Elected Members in September. Kerry County Council's own roads staff completed improvements on 15 Local Improvement Schemes at a cost of €445,000.

The severe weather encountered in January and December 2010 had a considerable impact on the road network in the county. The extent of the damage to the roads was estimated at €12.8m; €5m on the national road network and €7.8m on the regional and local road network. Local Authority staff across Kerry showed tremendous commitment to the county in dealing with the extreme weather.

The Compulsory Purchase Order for the Road Improvement Scheme from Tarbert/Ballylongford Landbank to Tarbert was confirmed and Kerry County Council began acquiring the lands necessary for the construction of the road, which is critical to service the Shannon LNG project.

The Kerry Motor Taxation Office processed 134,516 transactions during 2010 and collected €20.2m revenue for the State. As in previous years, Kerry County Council continues to strongly promote the availability of its on-line motor tax services, for the benefit of customers, with 41.6 % of customers availing of the on-line service (compared to 36% in 2009 and 32% in 2008). Furthermore, over 99% of postal applications for motor tax services were processed within one day.

The Health and Safety Section has corporate responsibility for the development and implementation of measures to protect the safety of employees and contractors on our sites, users of our facilities and the general public. The provision of training for staff and awareness of all aspects of Health and Safety was ongoing in 2010 to ensure safe work locations for staff and public alike.

Key Achievements in 2010

National Primary Roads (95km)

- N21 Castleisland By-Pass was opened
- N22/N69 Tralee By-Pass tender process for the construction began.
- N22 Farranfore Killarney assessment of refinement options was completed
- Pavement improvements carried out on the N22 at Coolgarra

National Secondary Roads (335km)

- Design work began on the N86 Improvement Scheme
- €4.8m spent on paving and improvement
- Improvement works carried out on Barraduff Bridge
- Thirteen km of road surfaced on the N69, N70, N71 and N72
- Eight safety projects completed

Non-National Roads (530km of Regional Roads & 3757km of Local Roads)

- €32m spent on maintenance, improvement and administration of the non-national roads programme
- Safety improvement works carried out at nine locations
- Fifteen schemes carried out under the Local Improvement Scheme
- Eight roads improved under the Community Involvement Scheme
- 162km of regional and local roads improved under the Restoration Maintenance and Improvement Programme
- €900,000 spent on public lighting countywide



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Key Achievements in 2010

Road Enforcement and Road Safety

- Roads Enforcement Officer investigated approximately 469 complaints, e.g. overloaded vehicles, drainage, road openings, road damage, obstruction signs
- 145 road work sites inspected from a Health and Safety perspective
- Launch of the Road Safety Calendar Competition undertaken in national schools countywide

Piers and Harbours

- Knightstown Pier – construction works substantially completed

Coastal Protection

- Major works undertaken on the R558 at Kilfenora, Fenit
- Ongoing monitoring of a number of other locations around the coastline

Machinery Complex

- Review of Plant Hire was undertaken during the year

Other Achievements

- New Three Year Multi-Annual Improvement Programme for 2011-2013 compiled
- CPO confirmed for the Road Improvement Scheme from Tarbert/Ballylongford Landbank to Tarbert
- Munster Bridges Rehabilitations Project started
- Ballynagare Bridge completed and opened to traffic.
(Officially opened by Mayor Leahy on April 4th 2011)
- Tralee Traffic Management Study progressed
- Draft Supplementary Development Contribution Scheme for the Tralee Ring Roads Project agreed
- Enhancement of Ballyseedy Wood with the installation of artistic wood carvings
- 1,150 tests on road making materials were carried out in-house
- Two footbridges for access to Carrauntuohill erected

Motor Taxation

- Over 134,516 transactions processed, with 7,432 transactions per FTE (Full time equivalent) employee [7,003 in 2009 & 7,160 in 2008]
- 56% of transactions dealt with over counter; 44% dealt with by post
- 64,638 (42.6%) customers used on-line service
- Overtime eliminated
- 99.56% of Motor Tax postal applications processed on same day
- 99.78% of driver licence postal applications processed on same day



National School pupils who were winners in the Kerry County Council Road Safety Calendar 2010

Director's Report on Environmental Services

Director of Services: Oliver Ring

Senior Staff:

Senior Engineer- Tom Sheehy



The Environment Section of Kerry County Council is responsible for the protection of the environment of the County through implementation and enforcement of the many Regulations, Directives and Legislation dealing with Waste Management and Pollution.

In addition, the Section provides infrastructure for the collection, recovery, recycling and disposal of waste. The provision of veterinary services and energy management also come within the remit of this Section.

Waste Collection

In 2010 customer numbers for Kerry County Council's Refuse Collection section dropped 3% on the 2009 figure. This can largely be attributed to competition from the private sector but is also due to the current economic downturn. Kerry County Council can stand over the quality and reliability of the service it provides, however, the service is susceptible to aggressive marketing campaigns by competitors.

Due to the fact that it is now necessary to collect three waste streams (refuse, recyclables & organic), and it is not viable to travel each route three times in a fortnight, a modification of the system of collection began during 2010. This saw the purchase of one new and one second-hand multiple compartment trucks. These trucks facilitate the collection of all waste streams in a single collection.

Kerry County Council uses the AMCS software package for management of the waste collection fleet and financial management. As part of this package, the movement of each truck is recorded throughout each day. In order to ensure that the efficiency of the collection routes is maximized, a process of re-organising and rationalizing routes using the data captured by the AMCS system was started during the year and will be finalised early in 2011.

Year	No. of cases of illegal dumping investigated & Abandoned Vehicles	No. of successful prosecutions	Total of fines and costs awarded on foot of prosecutions	No. of notices(1) served to prescribe clean-up measures to be implemented	No. of on-the-spot fines issued	Income from on-the-spot fines
2010	583	12	€3,520	13	96	€5,562.70



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Waste Recycling:

Kerry County Council operates recycling facilities at North Kerry Landfill and at the four Transfer Stations at Killarney, Milltown, Kenmare and Cahirciveen, as well as the new civic amenity site with extensive recycling facilities at Ionad Athchúrsála and Dramhaíola Chorca Dhuibhne.

These facilities allow for the recycling of a broad range of waste including glass bottles, cans, plastic bottles, paper, cardboard, dry recyclables, batteries, metals, waste electrical (WEEE), engine oil, textiles and green waste at North Kerry Landfill. Use of these recycling facilities by the public has increased each year with a total of 7,000 tonnes of recyclables accepted in 2010.

In addition, Kerry County Council has now reached the targets set in the Regional Waste Management Plan for the provision of Bring Banks; with a total of 103 Bring Banks located at various locations around the county.

As a measure to counteract illegal and indiscriminate dumping at these sites, the "Adopt a Bring Bank" is now operated in co-operation with 25 Community Groups. Kerry County Council provides free bins for cleanup and makes a donation on an annual basis to these groups.

North Kerry Landfill

A total of 20,987 tonnes of residual waste were presented for disposal at the North Kerry Landfill at Muingnaminnane during 2010. Of this, a total of 11,139 tonnes went direct to the Landfill and 9,848 tonnes was deposited at the five Transfer Stations around Kerry. This represents a 48% reduction on the 2009 figure. In addition to the downturn in the economy, this reduction is due to increased competition between landfills in relation to pricing. This has resulted in a high proportion of the waste being collected in Kerry by private operators moving outside of the county for disposal.

The new landfill licence for the North Kerry Landfill which came into effect on 24th March, 2010, imposes strict limits on the quantity of organic waste being landfilled. This restriction will result in a further significant reduction in the quantity of waste being landfilled. This will however, see an increase in the lifespan of North Kerry Landfill.

Capital Works: North Kerry Landfill

Agreement entered into to utilise Landfill Gas to generate electricity:

The EPA licence for North Kerry Landfill in Muingnaminnane requires that Landfill Gas be collected and flared. As an alternative to continual flaring, Kerry County Council looked at using the gas as an energy source.

A tendering process was initiated to look for operators. B9 Power Ltd won the tendering process and an agreement with B9 Power Ltd was signed on November 25th 2010. The terms of the agreement incorporate the lease of part of the Landfill site (20m x 20m) for a period of 21 years, with an option to extend the lease for a period of up to 10 years. This will result in the payment of an annual royalty to Kerry County Council, the value of which is to be determined by the amount of electricity generated.

Phase 9 Development of North Kerry Landfill:

The Phase 9 Development Works (Cells 17, 18 & 19) was completed at a cost of €7.09 million, extending the capacity of the facility by a further 100,000 tonnes. Phase 9 will be open from March 2011.

Pumping of Leachate for treatment at the Castleisland Waste Water Treatment Plant:

Currently leachate from the North Kerry Landfill is taken by tanker down to the Castleisland Waste Water Treatment Plant. However, Kerry County Council has been looking at the possibility of piping it from the Landfill to the Castleisland Plant.

Approval to proceed with this project (within the terms of the licence) was submitted to the EPA and approval in principle to proceed has been issued. The Part 8 Planning Procedure was initiated with circulation of the application to Kerry County Council internal departments.



Director's Report on Environmental Services

Environmental Regulation.

Waste Regulations, Monitoring and Enforcement:

Under the Waste Management Acts, and associated statutory instruments, Kerry County Council has responsibility for the enforcement and regulation of a broad range of waste-related activities in the county. The waste enforcement team responded to over 200 reports from members of the public and state agencies, regarding unauthorised waste activity such as illegal dumping and fly-tipping in 2010.

Water Quality, Air and Noise Pollution:

Kerry County Council carries out a broad range of activities in this area, including the following:-

- Monitoring of water quality throughout the county in accordance with the requirements of the EU Water Framework Directive;
- Enforcement and implementation of a range of water quality legislation.
- Provision of oil pollution response.
- Enforcement and implementation of the Air Pollution Act.

Significant progress was made in 2010, at River Basin District level, on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive. River Basin Management Plans, for the period 2010-2015, were adopted for both the South Western and Shannon River Basin Districts. These will form the basis for on-going activities in the area of water quality management over the next number of years.

In addition, Pollution Reduction Plans were introduced by the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government for all designated shellfish waters off the coast of County Kerry. Implementation of these plans will begin in 2011.

Adopt a Road Scheme

The 'Adopt a Road' Scheme was introduced in co-operation with the Glenflesk Community Group. This initiative involves the local community participating in regular clean-ups of the road-sides in their local area, (covering approximately 20 miles of national primary and secondary roads.) The initiative, introduced in May, 2010, has been very successful and has resulted in this stretch of access roadway to the county being maintained in a litter-free status. Kerry County Council allocates a grant of €500 to the community, funded from the Anti-Litter Initiative Grant Scheme. The council also provides support materials and permits access to the Transfer Station for the disposal of the litter collected. It is proposed to expand the scheme to strategic roads in the county during 2011.



Deputy Mayor of Killarney, Cllr Michael Gleeson, Kerry County Council Irish Officer, Roibeard Ó hÉartain and Deputy Mayor of Kerry Cllr Marie Moloney at the launch of Kerry County Council's Scéim Gaeilge at An Oireachtas in Killarney in October 2010



Kerry County Council Environmental Awareness Officer Micheal Ó Coilean addresses a group of students from Colaiste na Sceilge during a class visit to Áras an Chontae in December 2010.



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Litter Management

The litter control initiatives implemented during 2010 incorporated Awareness Programmes promoted through the local media, schools, Tidy Town Committees and Community groups. In addition, work started on sourcing appropriate surveillance systems to support enforcement activity.

Blue Flag Beaches

The 2010 season proved very successful with the retention of all Blue Flags from the previous season, and the regaining of the Blue Flag for Maharabeg Beach. The provision made in the budget will allow for the continuation of the Blue Flag Programme in 2011. The provision also includes for the monitoring of lesser known beaches frequented by visitors.

Baile an Sceilg (Ballinskelligs)	Fenit
Ballybunion North	Inch
Ballybunion South	Kells
Ballyheigue	Maharabeg
Banna	Rossbeigh
Doire Fhionáin (Derrynane)	Ceann Trá
White Strand (Cahirciveen)	

Green Coast Award

Green Coast Awards are awarded to beaches for their clean environment, excellent water quality and natural beauty. Kerry was awarded its first Green Coast Award at Beál Bán (Smerwick Harbour), near Ballyferriter in 2010.

Energy Office

The main fuel types consumed by Kerry County Council plant and facilities in 2010 were electricity (76.3%), fossil fuels (21.9%) and renewables (1.8%). Two thirds of the electricity used was consumed in the provision of water services and 18.3% was consumed in the provision of public lighting. Additionally, a total of 366 MWh of renewable fuels (wood chip) were used.

In 2010 Kerry County Council consumed:

- 22,820 MWh of electricity
- 8,406 MWh approximately of fossil fuels
- 921 MWh of renewable fuels (wood pellet and hydro electricity)

Town Council	Electricity Consumed	Fossil Fuels
Tralee Town Council	2,494 MWh	1,300MWh
Killarney Town Council	989MWh	657MWh
Listowel Town Council	289MWh	197MWh

Winter Peak Demand Reduction Scheme (WPDRS)

In the 2009/2010 winter period, eight Kerry County Council water treatment and pumping stations took part in the Winter Peak Demand Reduction Scheme. This scheme is an incentive to business customers to reduce electricity consumption during the power system's peak hours (5pm-7pm) in winter months (November-February).

In return for reducing demand during these times, customers receive reliability and profile payments from their supplier. Payments received through electricity suppliers for this participation during the 2009/2010 winter period totaled at €48,469.



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Energy Efficiency Retrofit Fund Projects (EERF)

Under the direction of SEAI, Kerry Local Authorities and Cork City Council submitted a joint application for funding under the EERF scheme in July 2010 for energy efficiency improvement projects. The approved eligible costs for the works are €709,375, of which 71% is funded by SEAI. A total of 76% of the project funding relates to Kerry Local Authority Projects.

Measures progressed during 2010 by the Energy office include the following:

- Fine Bubble Diffused Aeration Systems have now been installed in Wastewater Treatment Plants in Killarney, An Daingean, Cahirciveen and Kenmare leading to substantial energy savings.
- Energy savings of up to 20% were also achieved at the plants in Listowel and Ballybunion.
- The 250kW hydro-electric generator installed by Kerry County Council at Lough Guitane pump station in 2001 has generated electricity to the value of €835,000 to the end September 2010. The electricity generated by the turbine is consumed at Lough Guitane water treatment and pumping plant.
- Installation of two high efficiency pumps and motors and power and flow metering to replace existing pumps at Hearthill pump. Expected annual savings of 31 MWh.
- Installation of dissolved oxygen control at Castleisland Wastewater treatment plant. Expected annual savings of 56 MWh
- Installation of two high efficiency variable speed pumps and motors, frequency inverters and power and flow metering to replace existing less efficient pumps at Lyreacrompane Pump Station. Expected annual savings of 49 MWh.
- Installation of an inline booster pump to utilize existing inlet head and reduce pumping head at Cappagh, Kilflynn pump house. Expected annual savings of 31 MWh.
- Energy efficiency upgrade work completed at 100 local authority houses.

The following actions were completed by Tralee, Killarney & Listowel Town Councils in 2010:

- Lighting efficiency and control upgrade at Rathass Graveyard and Town Park.
- Lighting efficiency and control upgrade and installation of condensing oil boiler to displace storage heating at TTC machinery yard.
- Lighting and heating efficiency upgrade at Rathoonane resource centre.
- Heating efficiency upgrade at Saint John's community band hall.
- Replaced eight mercury type lights at Clieveragh Park and 7 lights at Greenville in Listowel with 70W SON lanterns.
- Completed installation of 144 energy efficient light fittings in Tralee. The majority of the lights removed were 70W SONs and these were replaced with 55W CFL type lights.
- Externally insulated 104 houses.

Veterinary Service

The veterinary services administered by Kerry County Council include the management and administration of the Service Contract with the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, dog and horse control, control of animal diseases and other miscellaneous matters.

The dog warden service has consistently been one of the most efficiently run services in the country with Kerry having maintained second position on the national league table over the past 10 years in terms of the number of dog licences issued annually.

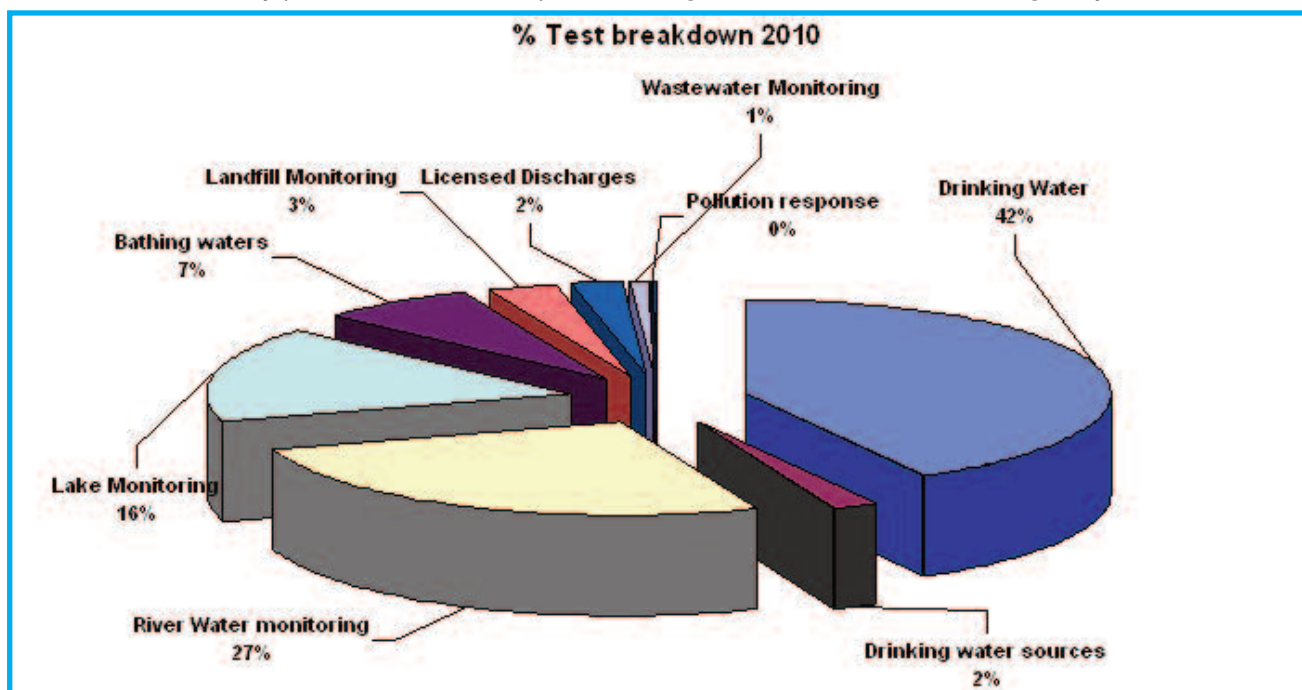
In relation to the control of horses, the services of a private security firm are employed to carry out certain functions on behalf of the Council. The Tralee Horse Project continues to operate successfully despite occasional setbacks. During 2010, a new contract was signed with a security firm following a successful tender process.



Director's Report on Environmental Services

Operation of the Council Laboratory

An extension to existing Laboratory facilities was completed during the year together with the purchase of new instrumentation. The Laboratory processed 5,900 samples involving a total of 76,661 tests during the year as follows:



Abandoned Vehicles	
Total Abandoned Vehicles	31
No. removed by owner i.e. no S71 Notice issued	9
Referred to and pursued by other departments	Roads Dept: 3
	Town Councils: 1
Other i.e. private housing estate, car no longer there, car not abandoned	6
Ongoing	1
Littering/Illegal Dumping	
No. of Cases investigated	552
Referred to and pursued by other Departments	20
Cases Resolved	43
Clean-Ups by Litter Wardens	400
	No Evidence Recovered: 304
	On the Spot Fines Issued: 96
Significant cases – Clean Ups by Area Offices	31
Sites cleaned by landowners/no dumping signs erected	58

Director's Report on Water Services & Emergency Services

Director of Services: Oliver Ring



Senior Staff:

Senior Engineer - Operations - John Kennelly
Senior Engineer - Capital - Fergus Dillon
Chief Fire Officer - Acting - Vincent Hussey

***The primary functions of the Water Services (Operations) Department are:
To provide safe and secure Drinking Water for all consumers, to manage the treatment of
Wastewater in an environmentally friendly way, to provide and maintain Public Convenience
facilities in key locations, to provide sufficient grave spaces to meet current and future de-
mands of the county***

The Revenue programme for Water and Waste Water Services is comprised of two components.

- Major Public Water and Wastewater Schemes
- Rural Water Services and Group Schemes

The task of continuing to comply with tightening regulations, both at European and National level, has led to a greater need for investment in water & wastewater infrastructure. The question of funding these projects is one that will necessitate careful management of finances and resources, with local authorities required to fund a greater proportion of these capital projects, along with the necessary maintenance costs.

However, despite the economic downturn, Kerry County Council still has a substantial budget to carry out improvements to both the water & wastewater systems in the county.

Public Water

- Over 30 million cubic metres of potable (drinkable) water was produced for a population of 130,000 customers, served by 60,000 connections.
- 65 Public Water Supply Schemes administered by Kerry County Council.
- 13 full waste water treatment plants maintained
- 32 primary treatment facilities provided in 32 villages
- 3 wastewater treatment plants commissioned in Barraduff, Milltown and Furies in 2010 as Design, Build & Operate (DBO) contracts.
- 160 new water connections.
- 14 waste water connections.

Remedial Action List (R.A.L.)

In 2008, The Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government made funds available for a Remedial Action List for Public Drinking Water Supplies. This allowed Local Authorities around the country to carry out specific works on smaller water schemes, relating to water supply disinfection and treatment.

As a result of a major survey of all water supply schemes which Kerry County Council had carried out in 2005, the Council was in a position to submit a comprehensive request to the Department for funding.

In July 2008, the Department announced €20m of funding for RAL schemes nationally, with Kerry receiving almost half of this, €9.863m.

The EPA added further schemes to RAL during 2008 and 2009. In 2010, Kerry County Council sought further funding for these schemes from the Department and in October 2010, the Department approved additional funding of €5.716 million to carry out upgrades of 12 schemes under RAL.



Director's Report on Water Services & Emergency Services

In 2010, major upgrade works involving the provision of disinfection alarms and monitoring equipment were completed at 36 separate Water Supply Schemes

Treatment Upgrade Works were completed on three Schemes in 2010. Treatment Upgrade Works were substantially completed at seven additional Schemes including the Mid Kerry Water Supply Scheme, which is the third largest water supply scheme in the county, serving over 5,000 consumers.

Advance work began on-site for the provision of water treatment plants in a further 12 Water Supply Schemes during 2010

Key Achievements in 2010

- Water mains replacement in Coad, Caherdaniel, Cahirciveen, An Muríoch, Cill Maoilchéadair, An Chlais, Annagh, Caherslee, Ballylongford, Beaufort, Camp, Flesk Bridge Killarney, Castlecove, Kenmare and Portmagee
- Valves, hydrants and chambers were replaced at Cill Rialaig, Waterville, Lenamore, Tarmons, Valentia, Cahirciveen,
- Substantial refurbishment of Water Supply intakes at An Mhuiríoch, Baile Mór, Baile an Fheirteáraigh, Baile an bhFionnúrach, Dún Chaoin, Fenit, Gráig, Leataoibh, Riasec and Tíorabháin Thoir.
- Water Quality improvements at Cahirciveen, Maulin, Glenderry, An Muríoch, Ardfert, Brosna, Central Regional, Laherseragh, Lyreacrompane, Mid Kerry and Waterville.
- Improvement works and safety works have taken place to reservoirs at Ballymacadam, Coomnahorna East and West, Behehanes, Derrynabeg, Gowlanes, Waterville, Sussa, The Glen, Templenoe, Kenmare, Doonamontane, Tarmons and Moyvane
- The rollout of a countywide reservoir cleaning programme with over 30 reservoirs cleaned.
- Provision of fluoridation equipment at Lough Guitane and Brosna (HSE funding)
- Major upgrades of pumping systems at Ballyduff, Kilflynn and Lyreacrompane, which received 70.5% funding from SEAI, and have led to significant energy savings
- Refurbishment works at Ardfert bored wells
- Refurbishment works to the raw water intake pipes at Lough Guitane and expansion of the SCADA (Supervisory, Control & Data Acquisition) System on the Central Regional Supply

Public Waste Water

Key upgrades made to the waste water infrastructure in 2010 included:

- A major upgrade of the aeration system, which will result in considerable energy savings in the coming years, has been completed at Kenmare Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), in conjunction with Sustainable Energy Ireland
- Refurbishment works to the bio-filters and clarifiers were carried out at Tralee WWTP
- A major upgrade of the control and SCADA systems which will result in considerable energy savings in the coming years, has been completed at Castleisland Waste Water Treatment Plant, in conjunction with Sustainable Energy Ireland
- A major refurbishment has been completed at Moyvane Waste Water Treatment Plant
- Pumps have been upgraded or replaced on the Kenmare, Rathmore, Killorglin, Ballybunion, Fenit and Knightstown Sewerage Schemes
- Replacement of a sludge trailer and sludge return pumps at Cahirciveen WWTP.



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Rural Water

Kerry County Council administers the Rural Water Programme, providing assistance to group water schemes. A total of 475 Group Water Schemes have been developed in Kerry, with 183 having been taken over and maintained by Kerry County Council.

Upgrade Works Prior to Takeover continued at the following Group Water Supply Schemes in 2010 – Ballintarmon, Coolick, Dooneen (Castleisland), Tonevane/Slieve, Tuosist, Banemore No. 3, Rossdohan and Lyranes. Upgrade works were completed at the following Group Schemes in 2010 – Muingaphuca, Beaufort, Glens North, Leamydoody, Ardteegalvin, Meanus Gortnascarry, Lyranes, Rathbeg and Coolick. These schemes may now be taken over, subject to completion of the necessary administrative processes.

Key Achievements in 2010

- Kerry County Council spent €800,000 in progressing the take-over of group water schemes.
- €250,000 was spent on assisting new schemes to get up and running, and on upgrading existing schemes.
- A further €745,000 was spent on additional works on small public water and sewage schemes, principally in works aimed at improving drinking water quality.
- 50 applications for Well Grants were received.
- 48 Group Schemes received subsidy payments.

Water Conservation

Lifestyle choices and population growth continue to place increasing pressure on water supplies within the county. Kerry County Council has supported the Water Conservation Project to ensure efficient use of existing sources of water.

The work carried out as part of the Water Conservation Project has helped to achieve a 12.2% reduction in water production in the county since it reached its peak in 2006. This is due to a decrease in consumer demand, leak repair and pressure management. Since the Water Conservation Project began in 2005, around 3,500 leaks have been found and repaired. Leak detection and repair is now being carried out as routine maintenance and is being funded from revenue.

Following the completion of the Mains Rehabilitation Programme in late 2009 as part of the Assessment of Needs submission, the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government announced in April 2010 that it was investing €18.79 million in Mains Rehabilitation Works in Kerry as part of the Water Services Investment Programme 2010-2012.

Burial Grounds & Public Conveniences

Burial Grounds

Kerry County Council is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the 140 burial grounds under its control or in its ownership.

A total of 92 of the burial grounds are classified as archaeologically protected sites protected by the National Monuments Act. Works in these burial grounds require both specific archaeological approval and supervision and any such works must be carried out in a particularly sensitive manner.

In 2010 Kerry County Council, together with North and East Kerry Development, IRD Duhallow, South Kerry Development Partnership and Meitheal Forbartha na Gaeltachta invited tenders for the Scanning and Indexation of approximately 70,000 burial records.

The aim of this project is the high quality scanning of original books to allow their preservation as well as the launch of a user-friendly website to facilitate public access to records via the Internet. It is intended to launch the website in 2011.



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There is an ever increasing influence of community groups on the upkeep and maintenance of cemeteries. This has contributed to an obvious and ongoing improvement in many cemeteries across the County. Kerry County Council is very appreciative of this support and assistance and continued to work in co-operation with over 50 committees throughout 2010.

Key Achievements in 2010

- In 2010 National Disability Funding of €53,858 was allocated to upgrade existing infrastructure in Burial Grounds.
- The ongoing Improvement Programme has facilitated the provision of paths and other infrastructure in many graveyards in recent years.
- Development of a new burial ground at Baile Uí Bhaoithín began in 2010.
- All of Kerry County Council's statutory duties in relation to the proposed extension of Derrynane Abbey Island Burial Ground have been completed. Kerry County Council is awaiting documentation from the Chief State Solicitors Office in relation to the transfer of the site.
- An ongoing GPS survey of the archaeologically protected cemeteries, which includes the production of a photographic database, has been undertaken since 2006. To date 63 burial grounds have been surveyed.
- A programme of sealing unsightly and potentially dangerous tombs continued throughout the County in 2010.
- A programme of trimming ivy and treating trees and saplings growing on both the walls of church ruins and also on boundary walls in cemeteries in the Mid-Kerry area began in 2010 and this programme will continue in 2011.

Public Conveniences

Kerry Council is responsible for 29 Public Conveniences throughout the County. There are 19 permanent facilities under the care of Kerry County Council and mobile conveniences are also provided in a number of locations county-wide.

Local Committees operate facilities on behalf of Kerry County Council at Sneem, Kells, Knightstown, Portmagee, Waterville, Ballybunion and Cromane. The Council is appreciative of the works of these groups.

Significant upgrade works were carried out in 2010 to a number of public conveniences including Banna, Ballybunion, Fenit, Castlegregory and Rossbeigh – all of which are located at high profile Blue Flag beaches. In addition, the public conveniences in Dingle and Kells were replaced.



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Water Services Capital

The Water Services Capital Section is responsible for the provision of water and wastewater infrastructure for the county, including the design of new schemes and the management of these schemes through the construction stage. The primary source of funding is the Water Services Investment Programme administered by the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government but most schemes also require a substantial local contribution from Kerry County Council.

2010 Progress	Projects	Cost Estimate
Completed	Milltown Sewerage Scheme	€4.99m
	Barraduff Sewerage Scheme	€3.53m
	Firies Sewerage Scheme	€3.7m
Construction Ongoing	Rossbeigh Sewerage Scheme	€0.2m
	Brandon Sewerage Scheme	€0.15m
	Co. Kerry Wastewater & Sludge Strategy Study	€1.0m
Schemes at Planning Stage	Waterville Water & Sewerage Scheme Treatment Plants	€10.3m
	Central Regional Water Supply Scheme – Scart Reservoir	€5.07m
	Central Regional Water Supply Scheme – Water Treatment Plant	€20.0m
	Water Conservation Mains Rehabilitation Project	€18.79m
	Kenmare Water Supply Scheme – Treatment Works	€6.0m
	Kenmare Sewerage Scheme	€9.8m
	Village Sewerage Schemes at: Ardfert, Ballylongford, Castlemaine, Fenit, Glenbeigh, Kilcummin, Tarbert	



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Kerry Fire Service

The Kerry Fire Service Fleet continued to be upgraded in 2010.

A new Class B Water Tender was delivered in May 2010 under the 2008 Fire Services Capital Programme. The construction of a further Class B Water Tender began in 2010 with delivery anticipated in August 2011 under the 2009 Fire Services Capital Programme.

The Fire Service Change Programme

The Fire Service Change Programme continued to be rolled out in 2010. Kerry Fire Service received 3,200 smoke alarms from the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government for distribution to vulnerable members of the community in association with the Community & Enterprise Section.

The Primary Schools Programme is also ongoing with basic Fire Safety instruction and Fire Safety packs being provided by Fire Service personnel to Third Class Primary students.

Key Achievements in 2010

- The Brigades were mobilised on 1,578 occasions during 2010.
- Gorse Fires, Chimney Fires, Road Traffic Collisions and Flooding were the major incident types requiring Brigade mobilisation.
- There was a 133% increase in mobilisations to Gorse Fires and 58% increase in mobilisations to Chimney Fires in comparison with 2009.
- Mobilisations in respect of flooding showed a welcome decrease of 90% from that recorded in 2009.
- 134 Fire Safety Certificates were granted in 2010

Building Control

The Building Control Section in total received 515 Commencement Notices and 7 Day Notices in 2010, comprising some 560 buildings notified. Officers inspected 28.93% of buildings notified.

The Building Control Section continues to promote greater awareness of the Building Regulations in the county by:

- Inspection of Buildings for compliance with the Building Regulations
- Providing advice on compliance with the Building Regulations
- Checking the provision of access for people with disabilities
- Furthering the conservation of fuel and energy in relation to buildings by requiring the submission of Building Energy Rating Certificates (BER's).



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Civil Defence

Civil Defence volunteers work under the direction of the relevant local authority Civil Defence Officer and are trained in various skills such as first aid, rescue, emergency feeding, evacuee care, communications, land / water search and radiation monitoring.

There are six services under the overall umbrella of Kerry Civil Defence.

- Casualty Service.
- Rescue Service
- Warden Service - Radiation Monitoring.
- Welfare Unit.
- Auxiliary Fire Service.
- Communications

There are approximately 140 active members throughout County Kerry. Kerry Civil Defence has 19 qualified Instructors to teach various disciplines across the organisation.

Key Achievements 2010

- Kerry Civil Defence organised two Regional Civil Defence Exercises in the Tralee area on behalf of the Civil Defence Board.
- A new driver's assessment course introduced for all operational drivers of Civil Defence vehicles.
- A 4WD course introduced for basic and advance driving training especially in flood waters and ice conditions.
- Kerry Civil Defence was called out to provide transport to emergency key personnel during the "Big Freeze".
- A new Civil Defence centre opened at Ceann Trá with a total of 24 new volunteers.
- First Aid and Ambulance cover was provided at major sporting functions including Listowel Races, Dingle Marathon, Rallies, Puck Fair, the Festival of Kerry and the Irish Open Golf in Killarney.
- A total of 97 different events were covered by Kerry Civil Defence in the county in 2010.
- A total of 34 new recruits were enrolled into Kerry Civil Defence.
- Twelve new Emergency First Responders were trained and qualified in the Casualty Service.
- Two new Communications Instructors were trained and qualified.
- The Boat Section was developed by integrating it into the Auxiliary Fire Service for the purpose of flooding response.



Director's Report on Economic Planning & Development



Director of Services: Michael McMahon

Senior Staff:

Senior Engineer: Paul Stack

Senior Executive Officer: Joan McCarthy

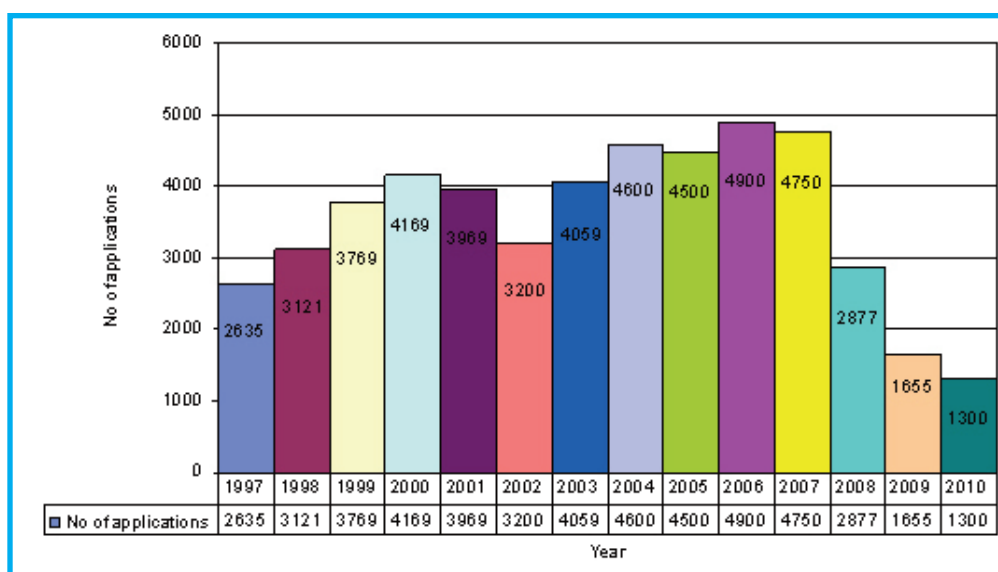
"To encourage, promote and facilitate measures that will contribute to a well managed physical and economic environment within the County of Kerry"

Planning Control

The most significant element of the work of Planning and Economic Development continues to be the processing of planning applications. Again in 2010 there was a reduction in the number of planning applications received in all sectors. In particular, applications for large-scale housing and commercial developments were at their lowest level since the early 1990s.

In the current economic climate, there is no indication that this downturn will be reversed in 2011. Hence, both administrative and technical staff numbers have been reduced significantly in the Development Management Unit, with staff transferred to other areas that have seen a corresponding rise in activity, such as the Housing Estates Unit.

A total of 1,300 planning applications were received during 2010, representing a decrease of 18% on the 2009 applications. This major change in activity is in line with the experience of other local authorities and reflects the overall national economic environment.



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Planning Enforcement

The Enforcement Unit now works with the Housing Estates Unit in relation to the housing developments that have not been completed in accordance with permissions granted. This has resulted in an increase in enforcement activity during 2010.

	Jan – Dec 2010	Comments
Total number of cases subject to complaints that were investigated	379	All written complaints received by the Planning Authority as well as the number of reports received from Kerry County Council staff.
Total number of cases subject to complaints that were dismissed	86	Number of complaints investigated that did not warrant the issue of a Warning Letter and/or Enforcement Notice.
Total number of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	167	Number of files resolved through either the granting of Retention Permission or the developer undertaking the necessary works to comply with Planning and Development Regulations.
Number of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	115	Warning Letters served under the Section 152 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to 2007.
Number of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	128	This figure represents all the Enforcement Notices served under Section 154/155 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 to 2007.
Number of prosecutions	8	Cases heard in Court for the first time. 25 additional files were referred to the County Solicitor during this period.



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Forward Planning

The Planning Policy unit is responsible for the preparation, monitoring and implementation of the Kerry County Development Plan and all Local Area Plans for the County.

The Kerry County Development Plan 2009 – 2015 was adopted on the 6th April 2009 and came into effect on the 4th May 2009. The Plan will be in place for six years and sets out the policy framework for the county.

Local Area Plans

Local Area Plans ensure a co-ordinated and efficient development of settlements and avoid inappropriate development. In 2010 two Local Area Plans were reviewed and adopted by the elected members, a process which involved two periods of public consultation.

- Kenmare Functional Area Local Area Plan (adopted 19th April 2010)
- Killorglin Functional Area Local Area Plan (adopted 19th July 2010).

Core Strategy

Following the enactment of the Planning & Development (Amendment) Act 2010, the Planning Department has undertaken the preparation of a Core Strategy in accordance with Section 7 of the Act.

This proposed Core Strategy identifies how Kerry County Council anticipates the county will develop over the remainder of the plan period in line with anticipated population growth, the availability of infrastructure, services and amenities. This strategy will form a variation to the County Development Plan and it is anticipated that it will be adopted in September 2011.

In mid-2010 the process of preparing and adopting a Wind and Renewable Energy Strategy also began. It is intended to have this strategy adopted before the end of 2011. While the statutory period for the Local Area Plans is six years, it is considered that the Core Strategy for the development of the settlements may necessitate a review of the Local Area Plans during the next year.

Housing Estates Unit

Significant progress has been made with regard to inspecting housing estates in the county since the establishment of the Housing Estates Unit in 2009. To date, 498 inspections have been undertaken which have identified unfinished estates and estates where works need to be carried out. The Estates Unit is endeavouring to liaise with developers to ensure that estates are completed to a satisfactory standard.

It is important that appropriate insurance/financial bonds are received in these cases to better safeguard against non-compliance of planning conditions. In such circumstances, this bond can be drawn down and the Estates Unit can arrange for the necessary works to be carried out. During 2009 and 2010, bonds have been drawn down by the Council and outstanding works in a number of estates completed.

Inspections are also carried out on new estates prior to and during construction. To date 14 such estates have been identified and the Unit is liaising with the developers and monitoring each phase of construction.

The Council continues to examine and evaluate applications to have estates taken in charge. During 2009 some 45 applications were received and of these, six estates were taken in charge. Activity in 2010 shows eight applications, with five taken in charge. These are as follows:

- Boherboy, Cahirciveen
- Cul Doire Estate, Tralee
- Woodview Park Estate, Tralee
- Meadow Lane Estate, Ballyduff
- Clarin Wood Estate, Shinnagh, Rathmore



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Conservation Grants Scheme

- 40 applications were received for funding
- 24 grants were issued from an allocation of €109,000 received from the Department of Environment Heritage & Local Government.

County Archaeologist

The County Archaeology Department has responsibilities in the following areas:

- Archaeological Impact Assessment/Monitoring/Test Excavation
- Graveyards/Planning & Policy Recording and preservation of the archaeology of the county

Key Achievements

- Archaeological Impact Assessment completed for two projects
- Licensed Test Excavations undertaken on two projects
- Archaeological monitoring undertaken in relation to six projects
- Recommendations made in relation to 150 planning applications
- Detailed surveys of a further 17 archaeologically protected graveyards completed
- Programme of tomb sealing and trimming back/cutting overgrowth on church ruins and within graveyards initiated in conjunction with Water Services. Works carried out in 20 graveyards in 2010
- Continuing operation and review of the system of application for approval to undertake works in graveyards and procedures in relation to the safety of structures within graveyards
- Conservation Works completed and Information Panel erected at Ballycarty passage tomb
- Guidelines for dealing with archaeology in the context of renewable energy and usage of uplands issued
- Participated in Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government departmental Work Group reviewing National Monuments legislation

Heritage Office

Work in the Heritage Office continued in 2010 with four main projects undertaken and assistance given to a further nine community based projects. In addition, 238 planning applications and several Part 8 applications were referred to this office for comment. Assistance was given in relation to the compilation of functional area plans and preparation of Strategic Environment Assessments (SEA) and Appropriate Assessments (AA).

Recommendations were made to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Planning Department of Kerry County Council on over 230 planning applications. Recommendations were also made on applications to Tralee and Listowel Town Councils. Discussions were held with Tralee Town Council in relation to the proposed extension of the River Lee walk/cycleway.

Seventeen graveyards owned by the Local Authority and included in the Record of Monuments and Places for the county were fully surveyed using GPS and GIS mapping. This provides detailed data on the current layout and condition of these burial grounds.

Heritage Council Funded Projects	Kerry County Council Funded Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban Habitat Mapping Survey• Archaeological Graveyard Survey• South and East Kerry Hedgerow Survey• Coastal Heritage Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graveyard Biodiversity Survey• Signage in Ballyseedy Wood• Signage & improved access at Ballycarty graveyard• Conservation works in 6 county graveyards• Barn Owl Research and Survey• Works to St James Church of Ireland Graveyard, Dingle• School Outreach project by Marine Dimensions• Heritage Week events



Director's Report on Community, Culture & Recreation



Director of Services: John Breen

Senior Staff:

County Librarian: Tommy O'Connor

"Through our work we provide support to agencies such as the Kerry County Development Board, Joint Policing Committees and other groups which support local communities. Our County Libraries provide access to all communities around the county."

Community & Enterprise

During 2010 the Community & Enterprise Department provided technical and administration support to groups such as the Kerry County Development Board, the Kerry Joint Policing Committee, Kerry Local Sports Partnership and the Community, Cultural and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee, etc. The Department also works with external agencies such as the Community and Voluntary sector and Government Departments in the development of its work programmes. It is appreciated that in the current economic down-turn there is a particular need for the efficiencies which can be achieved through this type of collaborative work. Challenges faced during the year were the uncertainties that emerged due to funding and staffing constraints.

During 2010, the Community and Enterprise Department has sought to strive for increased efficiency and the delivery of value for money in all of its activities. The following are the significant areas of work advanced during the year.

Kerry County Community and Voluntary Forum

- 7 meetings of the Executive held.
- Community and Voluntary Group Register reviewed during 2010.
- 528 Community & Voluntary groups registered with the Forum.
- A Community Communications Network Seminar with over 80 people attending and chaired by the County Manager was held in October 2010 to develop proposals.
- Meetings are held between the nine area networks and Local Development Companies.
- Training Links Programme provided training in management and governance to 120 groups in the county.
- Community and Voluntary Insurance Scheme continued to operate.

Kerry Community Awards

The Kerry Community Awards Initiative, now in its eighth year saw Minister for Community, Equality & Gaeltacht, Pat Carey TD as the guest speaker at the prizegiving event

The overall prize for 2010 was awarded to the Kerry Flyer for the Hello Kerry project. The Hello Kerry Project has a phone line contact arrangement to vulnerable people in the community.



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Pride of Place

- Kerry County Council nominated three groups: Knocknagoshel, Gaeltacht Uibh Rathaiigh and Kerry Life Education for the Pride of Place Competition 2010.
- Kerry Life Education won the top prize in the Community Response to Addiction Category at the national Pride of Place Awards.
- Gaeltacht Uibh Rathaiigh Group was short listed in their category.

Kerry Integrated Traveller Strategy (KITS)

- Strategy Review took place in 2010
- The Star Pupil Programme targeting 5th year Traveller Students saw three students availing of Kerry County Council summer work placements in 2010 and a number of other student placements in other agencies.

Kerry Integration Strategy 2010 - 2012

- The Kerry Integration Strategy 2010 – 2012 is an initiative of the Kerry County Development Board and was launched in September 2010.
- This multi-agency strategy focuses on actions supporting the integration of immigrants into the county.
- A multi-agency Implementation Group will monitor the strategy,
- Kerry County Council received funding of €55,000 from the Office of the Minister for Integration (OMI) for actions identified in the strategy. This funding is administered by the Community & Enterprise Dept and was distributed to 12 integration projects being undertaken by various agencies in the county.

Kerry Children's Services Committee

- Kerry Children's Services Committee (KCSC) was established in September 2010 to implement the strategic plans and policy that come from the partnership agreement, Towards 2016 and the National Children's Strategy.
- Preparation of a work plan began in 2010.
- All major organisations and agencies in the County, (HSE, KCC, KES, Gardaí, etc) working on behalf of children and young people are represented on the committee.
- A co-ordinator was appointed to the Committee in November 2010.

Comhairle na nÓg

- Eight delegates were elected at a county Comhairle na nÓg event in November 2009 to represent Kerry at the annual Dáil na nÓg in March 2010.
- A core group of 12 was elected to further supplement the representative nature of the Comhairle.

Kerry Enterprise Action Team (KEAT)

- During 2010 the objectives and operation of KEAT underwent a review process to re-focus its work programme.
- There was an ongoing review of unemployment in the County.
- A one day Seminar was held on March 23rd 2010 with over 600 people attending. The Seminar entitled "One Step Forward" provided information to unemployed people on job search, recruitment, welfare rights, enterprise start-ups and education and training.

Tourism Strategy Group (TSG)

- Focus in 2010 included establishing accurate and precise data for tourism in Kerry.
- Role of the group has evolved to one of co-ordination of bodies promoting and marketing tourism in Kerry, including the newly formed Fáilte Kerry group and also the establishment of 'All Kerry Tourism' group.



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Joint Policing Committee

The Kerry Joint Policing Committee, which was reconvened in late 2010, provides a forum for Local Authorities, Garda representatives, Oireachtas members and the community and voluntary sector to consult, discuss and make recommendations on matters affecting policing in Kerry.

Having been reconstituted, the policing committee will consider matters relevant to anti-social behaviour, traffic and accident statistics, drug and alcohol abuse and other matters affecting policing in the County.

A report from the Chief Superintendent is circulated at each JPC Meeting which includes the most up to date crime and public order statistics which are of relevance.

Sports and Recreation

- Kerry Local Sports Partnership underwent a review with the objective of re-branding and refocusing.
- Partnership delivered a variety of educational and training courses to sports clubs, community organisations childminders and childcare providers in the county. These included: Active Leadership, Buntús Start, Child Welfare and Protection, Physical Activity Workshop for childminders and Sports First Aid.
- The KLSP facilitated the delivery of a variety of physical activity based programmes also including: Adapted Physical Activity Programmes, Dance for the Young at Heart, Gaelic 4 Girls, Mums Get Active Programmes and RAPID Sports and Skills Programme.

Developing Play in Kerry

- Castleisland playground was officially opened on 28th March 2010 by the Mayor of Kerry Cllr Bobby O'Connell.
- Consultations have taken place with other community groups including Portmagee regarding the provision of further play facilities in the coming year.

Smoke Alarm Scheme

- One meeting of the interagency group was held during 2010 as work was curtailed due to late confirmation of the Exchequer allocation.



Micheal Ó Muircheartaigh, Rose of Tralee 2010, Chairmaine Kenny and Kerry County Council Arts Officer, Kate Kennelly at the National Launch of Culture Night in Dublin Castle, August 2010

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RAPID

- The Tralee Area Implementation Team, who met monthly during the 2010 year have implemented action plans in all areas through sub-groups.
- The Tralee RAPID Programme received a Community Support Budget of €7,000 from the Department of Community Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in respect of community support, training, volunteer groups.
- €110,000 was received from dormant accounts and was allocated to local community and voluntary groups by way of contributions towards equipment, materials, etc.

Key Achievements

- 'Deciding Your Future' course completed for 18-25 year olds and allocation of funding for a second course agreed with FÁS.
- Mentoring and tracking of RAPID participants in courses and training programmes
- Elected youth representatives in the communities. RAPID now has representation on Comhairle nÓg in Kerry.
- Estate Management and Community Safety Teams continue to meet regularly in RAPID estates and address community issues
- Two editions of the RAPID Review published using volunteer reporters
- Community Policing model has been expanded to the town based on success of RAPID process.
- Tralee Town Council worked with the Estate Management Community Safety (EMCS) teams to prioritise maintenance, refurbishment and other environment works in all areas

Shanakill/Rahoonane

- Community representative and members of EMCS team presented at national conference on regeneration in June 2010 and have travelled to many towns to meet other Residents' Associations
- Rahoonane Community Centre employed a coordinator to ensure the facility can sustain community activities through its own income.

Spa Road/Balloonagh

- Two new community representatives elected
- New Residents' Association formed
- Estate Management Community Safety Team supported Balloonagh FC in submitting plans for a changing facility in the area through community process

Mitchels Boherbee Community Regeneration Area (formerly Mitchels Crescent)

- Minister of State Mary White visited the Community Horse Project stables in order to research successful initiatives that could be replicated nationally.
- The MY Garda Diversion Project moved into their new facility in St. Patrick's Bungalows
- Women's Health & Sport programme completed and new programme planned
- Tralee Town Council began work on a number of building projects in the area

At a farewell Barbeque for the Roses, their families and Rose Centres, County Manager, Tom Curran and Mayor of Kerry Cllr Pat Leahy made a presentation to all Roses, including Rose of Tralee, 2010 Clare Kambamettu





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Arts Office

The principal projects organised and assisted by the Arts Office in 2010 were as follows:

- Series of Artist Master Classes and Workshops:
- Music Master Class – Singing with Soprano Miriam Murphy in partnership with the Kerry School of Music.
- County Piano Series: A two day musical event showcasing classical and traditional music centered on Kerry County Council's Grand Steinway Piano, 7th December 2010
- Art for the Young at Heart. This program ran in May 2010 and offered professional artists the opportunity to work with older age people interested in the arts.
- Dance for the Young at Heart: In partnership with the Kerry Local Sports Partnership, dance workshops were organised targeting women over 55 years.
- Youth Film Workshops The Arts Office engaged artist Lisa Fingleton to work with an identified community group and three school groups in Youth Film Making.
- Arts Act Grant at €40,000 was allocated to 100 applicants.
- 12 'Artist in Schools' and 8 'Individual Artist' Bursaries were awarded.

Kerry Library Service

In 2010, the total number of items borrowed increased by 1.66% to 472,111 items while 456,227 individual visits were made to Kerry Library branches, a 6.06% increase on the previous year. The number of free public internet sessions provided was 65,041.

Key Achievements

- 472,111 items were issued by Kerry Library in 2010, an increase of 1.6% from 2009.
- 456,227 visits were made to the nine Kerry libraries and two Mobile Libraries in 2010, which showed an increase of over 6% on the previous year.
- 65,041 Internet sessions provided in Kerry libraries. The internet is available free of charge to the public in all of Kerry's libraries.
- A grant was received from the DoEHLG for the provision of WiFi (wireless internet) at each library and is in operation at Tralee Library and will be rolled out to each during 2011
- An SMS texting service was also put in place during 2010, alerting customers to overdue books and items awaiting collection.
- Kerry Library Service supported national initiatives such as Library Ireland Week, Readiscover, Children's Book Festival, Seachtain na Gaeilge, Archives Awareness Week, and the Bealtaine Festival for older people.
- During 2010 linkages continued across a range of groups including the various Probus groups, Deaf Hear Ireland and the North Kerry Dyslexia and Dyspraxia support group.
- 239 events were organised for the public, including creative writing and Spanish language classes, author visits, books launches, art classes and a range of exhibitions.
- The two mobile libraries now service 91 locations in Kerry



County Librarian Tommy O'Connor and Norma McDermott, Director of the Library Council, pictured with staff members at Castleisland Library at the official opening of the Castleisland Area Services Centre in March 2010

Director's Report on Corporate Services

Director of Services: John D Flynn



Senior Staff:

Senior Executive Officer Corporate Affairs: Ger O'Brien

Senior Executive Officer Human Resources: Martin O'Donoghue

Head of ICT: Brian Looney

The Corporate Services Department of Kerry County Council consists of the Corporate Affairs, Human Resources and Information Technology Departments.

Corporate Affairs

Kerry County Council received an allocation of €233,606 from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government in 2010 under the National Disability Strategy. This money was spent throughout the County in line with the priorities identified in our "Access for All Implementation Plan" which aims to improve access to facilities for people with disabilities. The works carried out included improved access to burial grounds, provision of disabled crossing points on footpaths with tactile paving, provision of accessible public counters in our facilities and improved signage in public buildings.

Work on the fit-out and furnishing of the new Area Services Centre for Killarney was nearing completion and the new building will be open to the public in early 2011. **(Building opened to the public in May 2011).**

Key Achievements in 2010

- A total of 44 requests were dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act along with 16 requests from the Office of the Ombudsman in 2010.
- 700 new Applications for Higher Education Grants were received during 2010 bringing the total number of grants administered to approximately 1400
- 19 meetings of the Full Council and 25 Electoral Area Committee Meetings were held during 2010.



County Manager, Tom Curran, Mayor of Kerry, Cllr Bobby O'Connell and Donnacha Galvin (Galvin Developments Ltd) at the official opening of the Castleisland Area Services Centre in March 2010



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Human Resources

The Kerry Local Authorities are a pilot site for the implementation of the national HR & Payroll system. The following modules have now been successfully implemented in Kerry County Council, Killarney Town Council, Listowel Town Council and Tralee Town Council.

• CorePersonnel	• CoreTime
• CorePay	• CoreRecruitment
• CorePensions	• CoreBI (Reports)
• CoreTraining	• CoreESS (Employee Self Service) including online Payslips.

Considerable progress has also been made on the CorePMDS module during 2010.

Key Achievements:

- Continued development of the Absence Management Programme to ensure efficiencies in relation to staff attendance at work.
- Continued development and implementation of the Organisational Support Programme to enhance the welfare of our staff and to comply with statutory legislation.
- Continued development of the staff Performance Management and Development Systems (PMDS).
- Continued participation in the "Star Pupil" Work Experience Programme with a view to further developing a pathway towards employment in the local authorities for Travellers.

Training and Development

The following are the main courses which were delivered by HR Training during 2010

Abrasive Wheels	Dignity at Work	Location of Underground Services
Agresso	First Aid Refresher	Manual Handling & Safe Pass
Chlorine Handling	Health & Safety Briefings	Temporary Traffic Management Design
Core System Training	I.T Training – Word and Excel	Time and Stress Management
Customer Care	Irish Language at all levels	Water and Waste Water Operators Assessment Course

Kerry Local Authorities' expenditure on Training & Development for 2010 is 4.69% of total payroll costs.

Director's Report on Corporate Services

Information & Communications Technology

The Information & Communications Technology Section provides and supports the Information Technology infrastructure within Kerry Local Authorities.

Key Performances

- Online payments for KCC Refuse Service and Town Council parking fines went live on <http://payments.kerrycoco.ie>
- Our popular online GIS planning system was upgraded to support Gaeilge <http://mapping.kerrycoco.ie/planningenquiry/MainFrames.aspx?LANG=IR>
- SMS text alert pilots were successfully run in the Library service (reserved book in stock and overdue book alerts) and for the Non-Principal Private Residence (NPPR) scheme at very low cost. A significant follow-on programme for 2011 is planned.
- Successful use of Twitter **@countykerry** and Facebook **'Kerry County Council'** social media to inform citizens of road conditions and water disruptions during the Severe Weather episodes in Winter 2010/11.
- Kerry County Council became a member of a pan-European Project eCitizenII – eParticipate with the aims of improving citizen interaction and participation with the Council.
- Tralee Town Council's website www.traleetc.ie was launched and design work finalised for Killarney & Listowel Town Councils.
- A new online weather station was piloted in Killarney Town Council.
- Our Value for Money report following mobile phone technology investment & service procurement was adopted by the Senior Management Team and Audit Committee and work began on Fixed Line telephony projects. It is intended that these initiatives will give rise to significant operational cost reductions for the four Councils from 2011 onwards.
- Tenders were also published and evaluated for key ICT infrastructure – our main data storage and telephone system. Infrastructure projects such as the replacement of our Citrix Infrastructure were also completed on time and in budget.
- Specifications for an Online system for access to our Burial Grounds archives were developed with Water Services and the project steering group. Procurement competitions run for specialist scanning and indexing were completed during 2010.
- The MEET system – an internally developed system to manage Council meeting business and manage Councillor expenses was successfully put through an independent Quality Control exercise so that the work done can possibly be re-deployed to other Local Authorities.
- Kerry's expertise in Housing Information Systems in the sector was reflected in six successful workshops that Kerry County Council gave to other local authorities to improve their use of these systems and data.
- Work began on a pilot of a digital pen to efficiently capture housing maintenance data.



Financial Statement



Director of Services: John O'Connor Head of Finance

Senior Staff:

**Financial/ Management Accountant - Angela McAllen,
Senior Executive Officer - Acting - Kathleen Moriarty,
Senior Executive Officer - Acting - Pat O'Shea**

***The ongoing difficult global, national and local economic climate continued to impact on the Council's available Budget in 2010 and this, in turn, restricted our works programmes during the year. The opening sentence in the State's application in December to the EU and IMF for financial support puts the financial challenges thus:-
"Ireland faces an economic crisis without parallel in its recent history"***

In managing the Revenue Budget during the year, the Council aimed to:

- Maintain our core services at satisfactory levels in so far as possible
- Deliver our services cost effectively and to the best quality practicable
- Minimise the need for any increase in the commercial rates multiplier or user charges wherever possible, and
- Maintain a balanced Budget.

On balance, the Council succeeded in its aims

The availability of cash on hand to support the provision of our services continues to be the foundation for our financial sustainability. Significant attention was paid to the collection of the debtor streams including government departments, state agencies and Council paying customers during 2010.

Unfortunately, the year saw an increase in the issuance of appropriate court or other recovery measures as a means of debt collection where reasonable efforts were not being made to address the outstanding debt. Notwithstanding, a broadly satisfactory level of collection was reached at year's end.

The charge on Non-Principal Private Residences, introduced in 2009, yielded a net income of €2.118m in 2010 to the Council. This significant additional income meant that our works programmes were retained at a level which would not have been possible otherwise owing to the decreases in other income sources. The Council is following up on the potential for additional income from this source.

The EU/EMF Financial Support for Ireland Agreement, December 2010, requires significant reduction in public expenditure over the coming years and, indeed, an extension of user charges for public utilities, in the interest of establishing stability in the public finances.

Accordingly, then, all our revenue works and capital investment programmes are likely to continue to incur further significant reductions over the coming years. In that context, prioritising our key services and securing best value for the available funds must be over-riding considerations across all our operations. The Council has also considered the report of the Local Government Efficiency Review Group, and whilst implementation of many of the recommended measures will require national action or legislation, this Council will follow through on any local initiatives possible and practicable.

Over the coming year and far beyond, the Council must continue to relentlessly implement strict budgetary and debtor control so as to sustain our financial capacity to deliver the core essential statutory services to the residents of and visitors to the county.



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The accompanying tables and pie charts give an overview of the financial position of the Council and analysis of expenditure and income for the year. The current overall financial standing of the Council may be described as continuing to be generally satisfactory as at 31 December, 2010.

The Council continues to implement a significant water services investment programme. The local contribution towards that investment together with the additional operation/maintenance costs resulting from the enhanced asset base and the increasing standards for water quality /water effluent discharges will require substantial on-going local expenditure. Funding both at national and local levels is becoming very restricted. In addition, very strict limitations apply to borrowing approvals from the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government and the receipts from development contributions have dramatically reduced in recent years. In short, an exceptionally challenging period lays ahead.

In summary, service demand remained high in 2010 notwithstanding economic pressures, and this remains the case into 2011. Optimising outcomes in service delivery from the available resources will be a key requirement in the continuing drive to achieve the highest quality combined with maximum extent of service practicable. The skill and flexibility of our staff are distinct advantages in that regard. Ongoing initiatives under the "Croke Park Agreement" will contribute to cost-effectiveness and efficiency, as well.

	Gross Expenditure 2010	Income 2010	Net Expenditure 2010	Net 2009
	€	€	€	€
Expenditure by Division				
Housing and Building	15,942,256	16,383,714	(441,457)	199,004
Road Transport & Safety	35,809,878	24,694,043	11,115,835	13,064,631
Water Services	19,374,289	12,638,479	6,735,810	7,745,962
Development Management	7,698,812	1,788,073	5,910,739	6,159,425
Environmental Services	16,392,415	7,444,902	8,947,513	7,941,623
Recreation and Amenity	4,570,071	395,603	4,174,468	4,437,092
Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	15,627,193	14,832,813	794,381	739,868
Miscellaneous Services	6,303,802	4,154,653	2,149,149	3,053,900
Central Management Charges	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure/Income	121,718,716	82,332,279		
Net Cost of Divisions to be funded from Rates and Local Government Fund			39,386,437	43,341,505
Rates			18,262,690	18,066,275
Local Government Fund – General Purpose Grant			22,408,735	24,300,141
Pension Related Deduction			2,585,888	2,167,773
County Charge			6,676,702	6,825,773
Surplus/(Deficit) for Year before Transfers			10,547,577	8,018,457
Transfers from/(to) Reserves			(9,910,465)	(7,885,460)
Overall Surplus/(Deficit) for Year			637,112	132,997
General Reserve at 1st January			1,889,034	1,756,037
General Reserve at 31st December			2,526,146	1,889,034



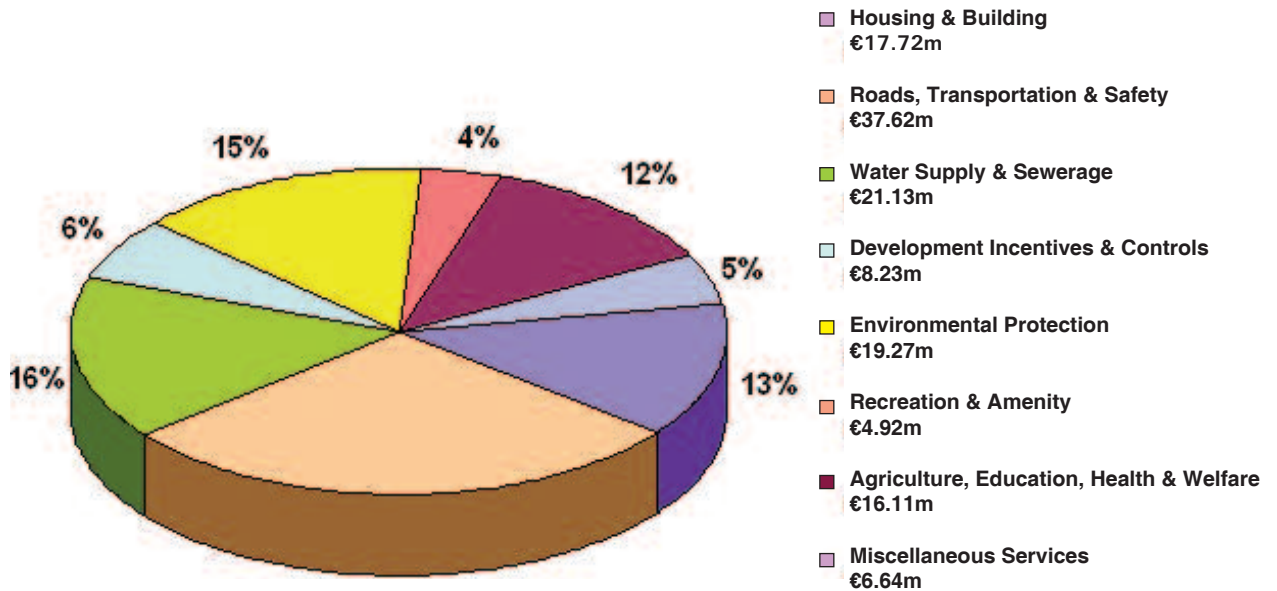
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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2010	2010 €	2009 €
Fixed Assets		
Operational	389,883,237	391,171,991
Infrastructural	3,044,179,136	3,053,176,628
Community	1,076,879	1,099,884
Non-Operational	2,892,171	2,433,946
	3,438,031,423	3,447,882,449
Work-in-Progress and Preliminary Expenses	54,701,951	73,055,493
Long Term Debtors	39,891,061	40,536,776
Current Assets		
Stock	957,968	892,051
Trade Debtors and Prepayments	16,603,249	22,717,507
Bank Investments	48,000,000	39,000,000
Cash at Bank	15,320	-
Cash in Transit	596,544	818,201
	66,173,081	63,427,759
Current Liabilities (amounts falling due within one year)		
Bank Overdraft	-	593,445
Creditors & Accruals	20,059,803	20,447,531
Urban Account	524,703	475,135
Finance Leases	-	-
	20,584,506	21,516,111
Net Current Assets / (Liabilities)	45,588,575	41,911,648
Creditors (amounts falling due after one year)		
Loans Payable	97,283,879	98,941,064
Finance Leases	-	-
Refundable Deposits	1,976,216	1,521,300
Other	-	-
	99,260,095	100,462,364
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	3,478,952,915	3,502,924,002
Represented By		
Capitalization Account	3,438,031,423	3,447,882,449
Income WIP	56,426,329	71,150,630
Specific Revenue Reserve	5,476,624	5,196,625
General Revenue Reserve	2,526,146	1,889,034
Other Balances	-23,507,607	-23,194,736
Total Reserves	3,478,952,915	3,502,924,002

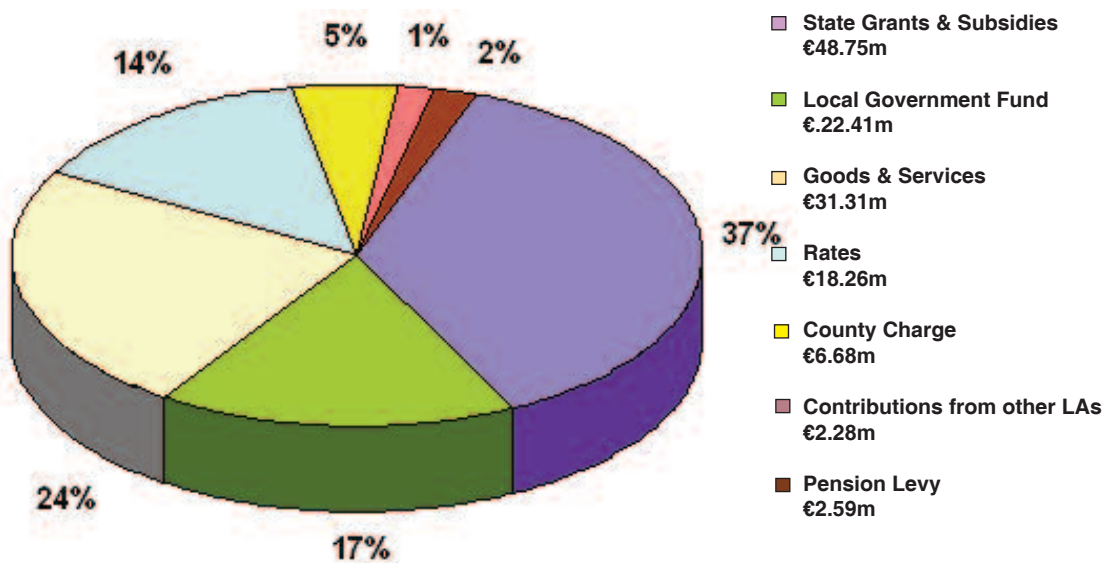


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Kerry County Council Revenue Expenditure 2010



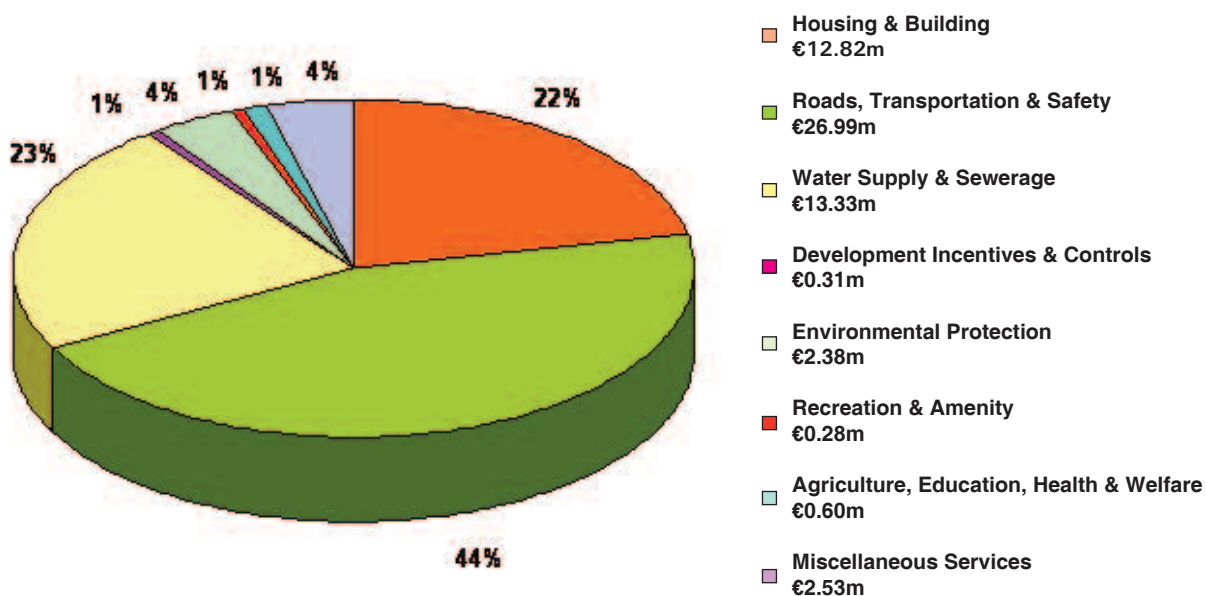
Kerry County Council Revenue Income 2010



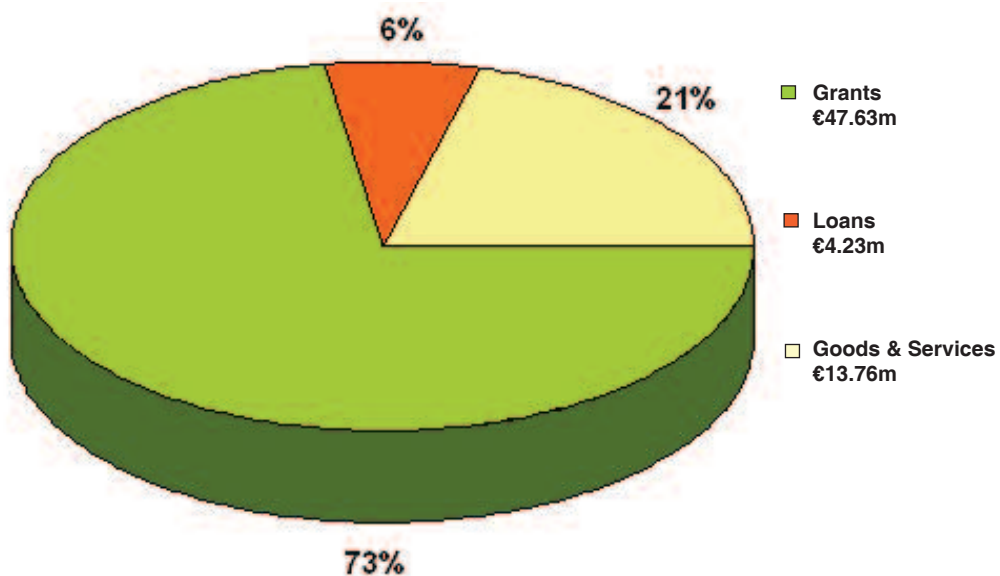


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Kerry County Council Capital Expenditure 2010



Kerry County Council Sources of Capital Funding 2010



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Late Payments 2010

In accordance with the prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997, and European Communities (Late payment in Commercial Transaction Regulations, 2002) the details of late payments to Creditors is set out.

Late Payments	2010
No of late payments in excess of €317.44	NIL
Value of late payments in excess of €317.44	NIL
Value of late payments as a proportion of the value of total payment made to suppliers	0%
Total Payments	€98,104,991
Penalty Interest Paid	NIL

Development Contributions 2010

Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 enables Kerry County Council, when granting a planning permission under Section 34 of the Act, to include conditions requiring the payment of a contribution. This contribution is in respect of public infrastructure and facilities benefitting development in the area of the planning authority and that is provided, or that is intended will be provided by or on behalf of a Local Authority (regardless of other sources of funding for the infrastructure and facilities).

The Development Contribution Scheme in operation for 2010 came into operation on the 19/5/2008. The table below sets out the values for Development Contributions – to be applied to either specific or general developments, reflected in the Annual Financial Statement for 2010 (Note 11) and may be summarised as follows:-

Net opening position 1/1/2010 surplus/(deficit)	17,438,832
Income	1,190,454
Expenditure	-2,541,936
Net Closing Position 31/12/2010 surplus/(deficit)	16,087,350

Amounts owed by Debtors (short term) €1,214,668 and Debtors (long term) €551,338 per annual Financial Statement 2010 Note 5 and Note 3.



Report from the Kerry County Enterprise Board

Chief Executive: Tomás Hayes



Our aim is to provide a single point of contact for all the information, advice and support needed for businesses to start-up and prosper.
The services of the Board are focused on small enterprises with the potential to employ up to ten people

Board activity in the year to 31st December 2010 yielded a solid performance despite the underlying financial and slowing business environment.

Grant aid in the sum of €427,453 was approved in respect of 37 micro-enterprises with the potential to create 64 full-time and 14 part-time/seasonal jobs. The additional support will help retain an additional 20 jobs in supported businesses.

A total of €186,744 was actually paid in grant assistance to businesses which underlines the credit access issues within businesses.

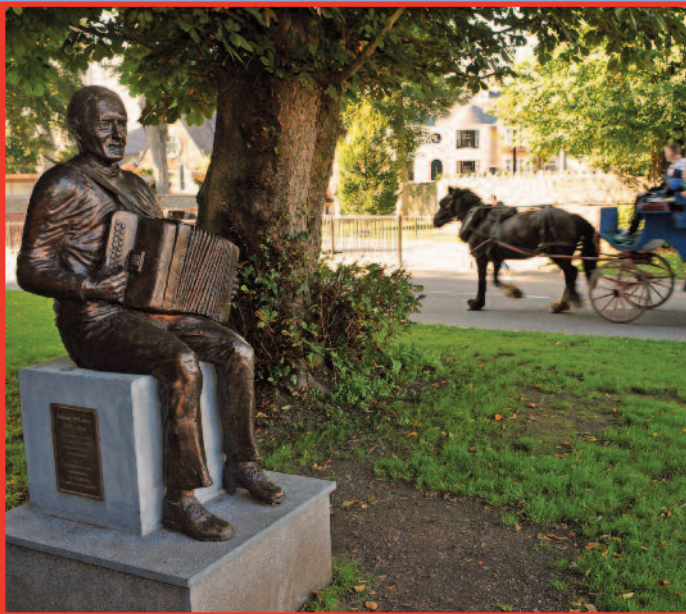
In addition the Board spent a sum of €500,055 on the provision of a range of other business supports to over 1,050 individuals. These include Business Start-Up Training, Business Growth Training, Marketing, IT skills, Design, Networking and 'One to One' Mentoring.

These projects are located throughout the county, the vast majority in locations which would not benefit directly from FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) intervention. These projects will enable people to live and work in their own communities thereby contributing to rural development in a tangible way.

The Board continues to promote entrepreneurial capability at second and third level Educational Institutions. It sponsors a County Student Enterprise Awards Competition for students in second level schools and contributes financially to the National Awards of this Competition. The Board also delivers the County Enterprise Awards and supports a range of other initiatives including Food Programmes, Enterprise Week, New Product Development Programmes, Business Networking and a range of other activities.

2011 planning has already resulted in up and running Business Start-Up Programmes, Business Growth Programmes, Mentor Clinics, Food Development initiatives, New Product Innovation and general mentoring.

Report from the Town Councils





Foreword by Mayor of Tralee

As Mayor of Tralee, I am very pleased to be associated with the 2010 Annual Report.

A look back over the events of 2010 show a great deal of work carried out by the staff of Tralee Town Council to make this town a better place. I must particularly acknowledge the work of the Council staff during the severe weather conditions in November and December and especially over the holiday period. The efforts of staff at this difficult time were of great assistance to households with water outages and burst pipes.



The Regeneration Project in the Mitchels area of Tralee continues to prosper and is seen as a model regeneration project throughout the country. This is a project which shows the very best of collaboration between Tralee Town Council, state agencies and most importantly the local community. The social benefits of the project were highlighted in 2010 with the completion of the community allotments, the MY project and the International Communities Centre, all of which provide invaluable resources for community engagement.

This is a project which continues to have huge support from the community and I am grateful for their valuable time and skills. I also would like to thank the staff of Tralee Town Council for their efforts in moving the project forward. I wish to acknowledge the co-operation of all agencies involved in the project.

I look forward to the opening of the new day-care centre in the old Moyderwell Convent in 2011. This will be of huge benefit to the wider Tralee population and is a wonderful example of a viable use for an historic listed building.

I must also congratulate management and staff of Tralee Town Council for securing funding to enable construction to begin on the Lee Valley Park. This exciting project will be of huge recreational benefit to residents and visitors alike and will provide a welcome tourism boost for the town. This is a further example of the Council's proactive promotion of Tralee as a tourism destination.

Increased community involvement in the Tidy Towns efforts throughout the year was rewarded with Tralee retaining its silver medal status, and increasing its overall marks. I must acknowledge the efforts of the elected Council in supporting the community by actively engaging with litter-picks, flower planting and general hard work. We look forward to a revitalised campaign in 2011 with all sections of the community involved.

The Festivals, Parades and events throughout the provided great enjoyment for the people of Tralee and beyond and I wish to acknowledge the hard work of everyone involved. These occasions are invaluable in promoting our town and in creating a sense of civic pride within the community.

To the staff and management of Tralee Town Council, I would like to thank you, on behalf of all the elected members, for your hard work and efforts.

Cllr Arthur J Spring
Mayor of Tralee



Tralee Town Manager's Report



An overview of the activities of Tralee Town Council during 2010 shows that a large works programme was completed, despite the continuing difficult economic climate which has impacted on everyone.

As Tralee Town Manager I would like to pay tribute to the Council staff and management for their efforts during the year, in providing the best service possible to the people of Tralee, despite the challenges that face them.

During 2010 construction began on the Lee Valley Park project. This was the culmination of many years planning, land acquisition and design. With Bord Fáilte assistance of €3m, Tralee Town Council are now in a position to provide this unique park, which includes a water activity area with artificial lake, walks, cycleway and children's play area.

Next to the park, to the west of the steam railway, is the nature zone with wildlife habitats, bird hides and viewing tower. An eco-friendly visitor services centre overlooks the park. This project continues the long tradition of investment by Tralee Town Council in tourism related projects within the town.

The Mitchels Boherbee Community Regeneration Project progressed well in 2010. The continuing support of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government in the current challenging economic climate allowed a number of significant physical and social projects to come to fruition or to begin development. A review of the Masterplan in the coming year will set the blueprint for the remaining lands within the regeneration area.

The programme of upgrading roads within Tralee town continued during 2010, with the town's main routes greatly enhanced. Work has also continued in the provision of better footpaths around the town, with particular attention being given to making pathways fully accessible. Major advancement was achieved in the realisation of the Eastern By-Pass for the town and construction is to begin in 2011.

Environmental improvements continued in the town in 2010, in particular along Prince's Quay, the Basin, the Canal Walk and the Big River. These projects continue to enhance the appearance of Tralee town and provide wonderful walking routes within the town.

Tralee Sports Complex had a significant development of all-weather pitches, a development that is proving hugely popular and will help secure the viability of the entire facility.

The Water Services investment programme continued at pace in 2010 with 1,380m of watermain replaced within the town. This programme of works, together with the installation of new Pressure Reduction Valves, will reduce the overall water loss within the town distribution system. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of our crews who were very busy during the severe weather conditions ensuring that loss of supply was kept to a minimum and bursts were repaired promptly.

In finishing, I would also like to pay tribute to the elected members who represent the people of Tralee and have worked well with the Council executive for the good of the town.

Michael McMahon
Tralee Town Manager



Membership of Tralee Council

Tralee Town Council



Cllr Mairead Fernane (FG)



Cllr Toiréasa Ferris (SF)



Cllr Ted Fitzgerald (FF)



Cllr Cathal Foley (SF)



Cllr Norma Foley (FF)



Cllr Pat Hussey (FG)



Cllr Sam Locke



Cllr Terry O'Brien (Lab)



Cllr Grace O'Donnell (FG)



Cllr Arthur J Spring (Lab)



Cllr Johnnie Wall (FF)



Cllr Gillian Wharton-Slattery (FG)



Membership of Boards/Committees 2010

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland	Blennerville Windmill Company
Cllr Ted Fitzgerald Cllr Arthur J. Spring	Cllr Arthur J. Spring
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Kerry County Council Housing & Social Support Strategic Policy Committee
Cllr Grace O'Donnell	Cllr Pat Hussey
Joint Policing Committee	Tidy Tralee
Cllr Mairéad Fernane Cllr Ted Fitzgerald Cllr Cathal Foley Cllr Norma Foley Cllr Pat Hussey Cllr Gillian Wharton-Slaterry	Cllr Sam Locke Cllr Arthur J Spring Cllr Toiréasa Ferris Cllr Terry O'Brien Cllr Grace O'Donnell Cllr Johnnie Wall
Kerry County Development Board	Kerry Education Service
Cllr Terry O'Brien	Cllr Mairéad Fernane Cllr Ted Fitzgerald
Kerry Life Education Service	Kerry Local Sports Partnership
Cllr Grace O'Donnell	Cllr Gillian Wharton-Slaterry
Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	North & East Kerry Development Company Ltd
Cllr Gillian Wharton-Slaterry	Cllr Johnnie Wall
RAPID	South Western Regional Authority
Cllr Sam Locke	Cllr Gillian Wharton-Slaterry
Tralee & Fenit Harbour Commissioners	Tralee Farmers' Market
Cllr Mairéad Fernane Cllr Arthur J. Spring	Cllr Grace O'Donnell Cllr Arthur J. Spring
Tralee Regional Sports & Leisure Company Ltd	Towards A Better Tralee
Cllr Mairéad Fernane Cllr Gillian Wharton-Slaterry	Cllr Mairéad Fernane Cllr Ted Fitzgerald Cllr Cathal Foley Cllr Norma Foley Cllr Pat Hussey Cllr Gillian Wharton-Slaterry
	Cllr Sam Locke Cllr Arthur J Spring Cllr Toiréasa Ferris Cllr Terry O'Brien Cllr Grace O'Donnell Cllr Johnnie Wall



Events attended by Councillors in 2010

Event	Location	No. Attending
Zurich LAMA Awards	Burlington Hotel, Dublin 2	2
Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Spring Seminar 2010	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	3
84th Ordinary General Meeting of Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd	Burlington Hotel, Dublin 2	1
Richard Cantillon School 2010	Siamsa Tíre, Tralee, Co Kerry	1
97th Annual Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Conference	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana	3
The Insurance Salesman's Presentation Skills	Kingsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway	1
Building a Social Response, Kerry Life Education	Europe Hotel & Resort, Killarney	3
Local Government – Efficiency and Financing	Listowel Arms Hotel, The Square, Listowel	4
Planning & Development Amendment Act 2010	Hannons Hotel, Athlone Road, Roscommon	1
Exploring Options for the Unemployed	Carlton Atlantic Coast Hotel, The Quay, Westport	2
Achieving World Class Tourism	Falls Hotel, Ennistymon	1
Waste Management (Food Waste) Regulations 2009	Silver Tassie Hotel and Spa, Ramelton Road, Letterkenny	1
Save Water, Money and the Environment	Kinsvalley Hotel, Merlin Park, Dublin Road, Galway	1



Members Expenses

Annual Allowances

	€
Mayor	7,778.60
Deputy Mayor	2,383.32
Members Allowances	37,056.28
Representational Payments	61,321.04

The total payment made by Tralee Town Council in respect of attendance authorised by the authority at a meeting of a prescribed association of local authorities of which the authority is a member, and, attendance authorised by the authority at a conference seminar or other meeting or event, was €7,312.29, in 2010, all of which related to travel and subsistence expenses within the State

Civic Receptions

The following Civic Receptions were held in 2010:

- Kerry County Museum
- Irish Country Women's Association
- Easter Sunday Commemorations
- Holy Family French Exchange Programme
- German Ambassador, H.E. Busso von Alvensleben
- Mercy Mounthawk 2nd Year Girls Basketball Team
- Opening of the Millennium Park
- International Rose of Tralee Festival: Roses, Centres and Families
- German Market Traders

Mayoral Awards

The Mayor bestowed the following people/organisations with honours in 2010, to recognise their achievements:

- Darragh Kelliher
- Anthony O'Gara



Report on the Activities of Tralee Town Council 2010

Housing & Social Support

The Social Housing Investment Programme (SHIP) allocation was reduced by 34% in 2010. Tralee Town Council's total Capital allocation in 2010 was €9,790,000. €3,555,000 million was allocated to housing construction and acquisitions and €6,235,000 to housing improvements, which also included an allocation of €5million for the Mitchels/Boherbee Community Regeneration Project.

In the context of the Government's National Climate Change Strategy and to further increase residential energy efficiency standards in social housing Tralee Town Council received a grant allocation of €550,000 to implement a retro-fitting energy efficiency programme to vacant local authority stock. This allocation was used to upgrade 40 houses to C1 standard in 2010.

Tralee Town Councils rented stock at 31st December 2010 comprised of 1,176 units where the housing list at the end of 2010 was 2,068, an increase of 31% from the previous year.

In 2009, Tralee Town Council's Housing Department continued to respond to housing issues and to improve the condition of the housing stock:

- A total of 68 houses were brought back into a lettable condition in 2010.
- The housing section carried out 1,169 inspections following the receipt of maintenance requests; 1,093 maintenance requests were completed by the housing maintenance staff. Plumbing, carpentry, and electrical repairs were the main items requiring attention.

Also by working in collaboration with local support agencies and engaging with residents' associations, Tralee Town Council continues to engage actively with residents helping them to participate actively in community life. Tralee Town Council currently works with 35 resident associations through its support, commitment and involvement in the Residents First Network.

Mitchels Boherbee Community Regeneration Project

2010 was another significant year for the Mitchels-Boherbee Community Regeneration Project and despite the tough economic climate the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government remained committed to supporting the Regeneration Project.

Meetings were held every few months between Department officials and Tralee Town Council to ensure the financial support required for the implementation of the Regeneration Plan is provided.

Meetings were also held throughout the year with the Mitchels/Boherbee Regeneration Steering Committee and the Community Participation Task Group to ensure that the strong community foundations established within the regeneration process are maintained.

In 2010, the extent of progress on the main elements of the physical and social regeneration is outlined below:

Project Description: Demolition of 81 Units at Mitchels Crescent

Project Description: 6 Additional Units at Tobar Naofa

Project Description: 20 Community & 10 Individual Allotments at Tobar Naofa, Moyderwell

Project Description: Conversion of 5 Units at St Patrick's Bungalows

These units are now occupied by the Tralee International Resource Centre and the Mitchels Youth Project.

Project Description: Redevelopment of the Convent Building at Moyderwell

In September 2010, contracts were signed for the redevelopment of Moyderwell Convent. The ground floor of the building will be redeveloped to facilitate a HSE-managed day care centre. The first floor will comprise of eight additional units, and a community facility for the residents of Tobar Naofa will also be located on the ground floor.



Report on the Activities of Tralee Town Council 2010

Project Description: Construction of 18 Residential Units at Mitchels Crescent including 11 Low Carbon Houses and 7 B1 BER Rating Units

The 18 houses, located in the core of the district at the Mitchels Avenue end of the Mitchels Crescent Estate, marks the first phase of construction on the Mitchels Crescent site.

Project Description: Environmental Improvement Works

In October 2010 45 houses in the Mitchels Avenue area were given a grant allocation from the SEAI (Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland) as part of a pilot scheme to improve the comfort levels and the energy efficiency of these houses.

Project Description: Hawley Park Voluntary Housing Project

In November 2010 contracts were signed for the construction of a 22 apartment complex, adjacent to the St. Brigid's Community Centre, designated for older people in the area.

Project Description: Redevelopment of St Martin's Park

A total of seven families were relocated as part of the regeneration process in 2010. Consultations are still ongoing with the remaining families and the relevant support agencies to facilitate an appropriate design for Traveller Specific Accommodation in the area

Project Description: Community/Social Projects

Projects which received funding in 2010 included:

- The production of the 2011 Calendar
- The development of the regeneration website, www.mitchelsboherbeeregeneration.com
- The Community Mural Project
- 'A Photo tells a thousand Stories', which documented local heritage and history
- Provision of basketball facilities at Mercy Primary School in Moyderwell
- The Mitchels/Boherbee Community Regeneration Sports & Physical Activity Programme
- Review of the evaluation of the effectiveness & implementation of the terms of reference and the regeneration plan



Report on the Activities of Tralee Town Council 2010

Roads & Transportation

In 2010 Tralee Town Council continued its programme of road surfacing and footpath improvement works utilising the following funding:

Block Grants: €410,000

Own Resources: €65,000

Footpath Renewal Works	Surfacing works:
Ballyrickard,	Farranstephen,
O'Rahilly Villas/Rae Street,	Mary Street,
Casement Avenue,	Laurel Court,
Liosdara,	John Joe Sheehy Road,
Monalee,	Spa Road Estate,
Connolly Park,	Cloghers Orchard,
Rahoonane,	Brewery Road
Clash East,	Clash Road
Cahills Park,	
Brewery Road.	

- Ducting & Road Surfacing Works at Oakvilla Avenue, Oakpark.
- Cul Doire (portion within Town Boundary) taken in charge.
- €49,359 allocated in 2010 toward improving disability access, included dishing footpaths at Racecourse Lawn and Manor Village.

Environmental Protection & Enhancement

'Silver Medal' National Tidy Towns Award for Tralee

Tralee secured a silver medal for the fourth year in succession in the National Tidy Towns Competition. The town once again improved its points to 283 in 2010, bringing it ever closer to the gold medal award in the Large Urban Area Category

The adjudicators report saw Tralee scoring well in most categories especially the Built Environment, Landscaping and Wildlife and Natural Amenities. There was praise for Manor West Retail Park, the community garden at Tobar Naofa on Dean's Lane, the Rose Garden, Pikeman Flowerbed and the Ballyard Fountain.

Refuse Collection Service

In 2010 Tralee Town Council continued its waste collection service, with residual collection by wheelie bin and dry recyclables using bio degradable plastic bags.

The service was seriously impacted by the large scale intervention of commercial operators offering special deals to customers.

During 2010 the Council collected 45,870 dry recyclable bags, amounting to 264 Tonnes of waste.

Residual waste amounted to 4,064 Tonne amounting to 101,233 bin-lifts throughout the year.



Report on the Activities of Tralee Town Council 2010

Castlemorris Park

The Mayor of Tralee, Cllr. AJ Spring officially opened the Millennium Park in Castlemorris on July 16 2010. The park has as its centrepiece the Dove of Peace by local artist JJ Sheehy, originally conceived as a Millennium project, and will form an important link on the Ballyard-Ballyseedy Riverside Walk.

Lee Valley Park

Work began on the ambitious Tralee Lee Valley Project, following the signing of the Stage 1 Contract on Monday, September 20th 2010 between Tralee Town Council and Griffin Brothers Contractors Castleisland. The €4.2m project has been a long term goal of Tralee Town Council and a key element of Fáilte Ireland's activity and eco tourism strategy. The Department of Tourism, Culture & Sports has provided €3m from its tourism product development budget for the project through Fáilte Ireland with Tralee Town Council providing the balance. Work is due to be complete in May 2011.

Community Allotments Deans Lane

The Minister for Housing and Local Services, Mr. Michael Finneran, TD. officially opened the new community allotments on Dean's Lane on Friday, July 16th, which forms part of the Mitchels-Boherbee Regeneration Project.

Feile na mBláth

Over 50 separate events took place as part of the 2010 Féile na mBláth Garden Festival. The festival was officially opened by the outgoing Mayor Cllr. Terry O'Brien on Friday June 18. The main function of this festival is to highlight Tralee Town Park and Town Centre facilities in a positive light and to encourage the people of the town and visitors alike to make more positive use of these fantastic facilities.



Report on the Activities of Tralee Town Council 2010

Water Services

During 2010 Tralee Town Council's Water Services Crew laid approximately 1,250m of new watermain to replace existing sections of watermain which were old and in poor condition, causing problems with delivery and quality of water.

The main projects undertaken during the year were the provision of 500m of new 150mm diameter watermain linking Ballyvelly Road to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Road. This allowed for the abandonment of an old main on Spa Road adjacent to Higgins' Waste.

A 60m section of watermain was laid, facilitating the replacement of old lead services at Oakpark Terrace. On Lower Castle Street, approximately 120m of main was laid to replace the old cast-iron main.

In conjunction with Kerry County Council Roads Department, approximately 700m of main was laid on the Caherslee Road, with further works planned for 2011.

Where the new sections of watermain have been laid, new connections have been provided to the adjacent properties together with new boundary meter boxes to replace the old stopcocks. A number of new hydrants have been fitted for fire fighting purposes.

During the year the Water Services Section provided four new water connections to facilitate development within the town area and repaired over 150 leaks or mains bursts.

The section has carried out works in conjunction with Kerry County Council's Water Conservation project, installing a new Pressure Reduction Valve at Cloghers and also carrying out works to locate and disconnect mains in the St Patrick's bungalow and the Mitchels Crescent area in order to facilitate works associated with the regeneration programme.

Planning & Development

Planning Applications

Tralee Town Council received a total of 83 planning applications during 2010, of which there was a total of 9 (10.84%) invalid. This compared to 108 applications in 2009, 10 (9.3%) of which were invalid.

- Granted 61
- Refused 13

Breakdown

- Domestic Dwellings including extensions: 29
- Commercial 26
- Retention 4
- Change of use 8
- Other 7

Appeals

- Eight planning decisions appealed to An Bord Pleanála in 2010.
- Council's decision upheld in five cases
- Council's decisions reversed in two cases
- Remaining case outstanding at year end.

Planning Enforcement

- 56 new complaints received.
- 69 warning letters issued
- 11 enforcement notices issued.



Tralee Town Council Financial Report 2010

Development Contributions

- A total of €370,909 collected

Derelict Sites

- 10 properties removed from the Derelict Sites Register.
- 43 Notices issued under the Derelict Sites Act.
- Levy imposed on 3 properties.

Taking in Charge

- One private housing estate taken in charge by Tralee Town Council.
- 6 applications currently being pro

Expenditure	2009	2010
Revenue Expenditure	22,023,990	20,536,468
Capital Expenditure	7,512,540	12,508,008
Annual Rate on Valuation	81.18	81.18
Main Sources of Revenue Income		2010
		€
Rates		6.4 m
Exchequer Grants/Recoupments		4.0 m
Local Government Fund		2.7 m
Housing Rents		2.3 m
Parking Charges		1.7 m
Water/Waste Water Charges		1.0 m
Refuse Charges		0.9 m
NPPR		0.5 m
Visitor Attractions		0.2 m
Assistance given to Local Organisations		2010
Tralee Garden Festival Committee, St. Patrick's Day Committee, Festival of Kerry, Siamsa Tire Theatre, Tralee Pipes and Drums, The Shindig Festival, Kerry Community Awards, Residents Associations, Kerry Life Education, Tidy Tralee Together, Tralee Regional Sports and Leisure Centre, Tralee Dingle Steam Train Company, St. John's Cemetery Committee, Tralee Community Garden Project, Enable Ireland, Kerry Children's Resource Centre, Culture Night, Holiday Tralee, Cúnamh		170,700



Foreword by Mayor of Killarney

As Mayor of Killarney Town Council, I am delighted to have been asked to offer a submission to this year's Annual Report.

The year began with what can only be described as the worst weather conditions this country had seen in almost 50 years. We all had to endure dangerous roads, water shortages and severe snow and ice. I would like to thank both the staff of Kerry County Council and Killarney Town Council for the efficient way in which they dealt with this crisis.



Our dear friend and Council Colleague, Cllr Michael Courtney, passed away in January of this year. Michael was a Member of Killarney Town Council for over 30 years and he was a loyal Killarney man. He had a great love and pride for his town and it was very obvious from the numbers that attended his funeral that the people of the town had a great love for him also. Michael's son, Hugh Courtney, was co-opted onto Killarney Town Council in March of this year.

The Killarney Looking Good Committee had an exceptionally busy and successful year. In June 2010, Killarney was named Ireland's Best Kept Town. This is a magnificent achievement as the Award incorporates the 32 counties and is awarded jointly by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council.

Killarney was very successful in this year's Tidy Towns Competition and won the County Award, Gold Medal for the 10th consecutive time, Regional Award and the Tidiest Large Town Award. Killarney town also won the Regional Award for Notice Nature – BioDiversity Award and was just one point away from the overall winners, Tallanstown.

I would like to thank and congratulate the Jarveys for introducing dung catching devices to their carts in an effort to keep our streets clean. These have proved to be very successful and the benefits are very evident to locals and visitors alike. A number of the Jarvey Operators have come together and introduced smart new jackets, shirts and hats that are worn by the Drivers on a daily basis. Their efforts are benefiting Killarney town and is a perfect example of everybody working towards a better and cleaner Killarney.

Late in the year Killarney Town Council began investigating the possibility of introducing a district heating system using Biomass. This is an extremely exciting prospect, giving the town an opportunity to reduce its dependence on fossil fuels and a consequent reduction in carbon emissions from the town. It is intended to advance this project as rapidly as possible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors, the staff of Killarney Town Council and the various groups that co-operated with the Town Council in promoting the town.

Cllr Donal Grady
Mayor of Killarney



Killarney Town Manager's Report



As Killarney Town Manager, I present the Annual Report 2010 for Killarney Town Council.

As has been the case over the past number of years, the financial environment at global and local level has presented Killarney Town Council with a number of challenges.

These challenges will continue in years to come and will colour the way in which we as a Council make decisions. I must mention here the work of the elected members, whose positive approach ensures that we all face these challenges with a proactive attitude.

While there are many challenges, in particular in the way this Council delivers its services to the people of Killarney, there is also much to be positive about. The work carried out by Killarney Town Council throughout 2010 has improved the town for both resident and visitor alike.

In particular I would like to extend my thanks to the various groups, both business and voluntary, residents' associations and individuals who worked so hard to prepare Killarney for the Tidy Towns Competitions. Our record in the Tidy Towns is second to none and again we were successful at the National Awards, while losing out on the overall prize by a single point.

The beauty of the town and the surrounding environment was seen at its finest during the Irish Open, which drew huge numbers to Killarney town and promoted Killarney as Ireland's premier tourist & golfing destination. We are delighted to welcome the Irish Open back to Killarney again in 2011 and despite the loss of the main sponsor, the Killarney Chamber of Commerce, Town Council, Fáilte Ireland and all groups are working hard to ensure that 2011 is bigger and better.

The positive work carried out by the staff of Killarney Town Council can be seen by their response to the cold weather conditions at the start and end of the year. My thanks to all of the staff for their efforts and to the people of Killarney for their patience during a difficult time.

Finally, I must reflect on the passing of our former colleague Cllr. Michael Courtney. A true icon in Killarney, Michael's contribution to the town will be remembered long after his passing. To single out just one area of his work would be unfair, but for me, his efforts in relation to the St Patrick's Day parade each year brought colour and vitality to the town.

Michael will be sadly missed by his family and by his colleagues in Killarney Town Council. We welcome his son Hugh into the chamber in the knowledge that he will follow the path taken by his father.

Working together, as a Council and as a town, Killarney can maximize its potential and create further opportunities to grow and prosper.

John Breen
Killarney Town Manager



Membership of Killarney Town Council

Killarney Town Council		
	Cllr Sean Counihan (Lab)	
		Cllr Hugh Courtney
	Cllr Michael Gleeson (SKIA)	
		Cllr Donal Grady
	Cllr John O'Donoghue (FF)	
		Cllr Sean O'Grady (Lab)
		
		Cllr Tom Doherty (FF)
		
		Cllr Niall O'Callaghan
		
		Cllr Cathal Walshe (FG)

Date	Individual/Group
26/02/2010	Paul Nagle in recognition of his achievements in the Intercontinental Rally Challenge (IRC)
17/03/2010	Michael Fassbender in recognition of his outstanding acting achievements
02/11/2010	Daniel O'Sullivan in recognition of his achievements in the World Taekwondo Championships.
04/11/2010	Killarney Musical Society in recognition of 21 years
Ambassadorial Award	
30/11/2010	Liam O'Connor in recognition of his great achievements in the world of music and the promotion of Killarney on the world stage
Civic Welcome	
27/02/2010	Irish Museums Association on the occasion of their Annual Conference in Killarney
05/09/2010	'Meet in Killarney Group' on the occasion of the Fáilte Ireland Familiarisation trip to Kerry.
13/11/2011	Derry Family & Sands (Chevalier) Family on the occasion of the 3rd Annual Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty Memorial Weekend



Membership of Boards/Committees 2010

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland		Kerry Vocational Education Committee	
Cllr. Sean Counihan Cllr. Sean O'Grady		Cllr. Michael Courtney Fr. Nicholas Flynn	
Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd		Sub-Committee for Disability Issues	
Cllr. Sean O'Grady		Cllr. Sean O'Grady Cllr. Tom Doherty	
Honours Committee		Killarney Working Group	
Cllr. Sean Counihan Cllr. Hugh Courtney	Cllr. Tom Doherty Cllr. Cathal Walshe	Cllr. Hugh Courtney Cllr. Tom Doherty	Cllr. Donal Grady Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan
Town Twinning Committee		Industrial Sub-Committee	
Cllr. Sean Counihan Cllr. Hugh Courtney Cllr. Tom Doherty Cllr. Donal Grady Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan	Cllr. John O'Donoghue Ms. Sheila Casey Ms. Sheila Dickson Mr. Tony Kenny Mr. Brian O'Leary	Cllr. Sean Counihan Cllr. Tom Doherty Cllr. Donal Grady	Cllr. Sean O'Grady Cllr. John O'Donoghue Mr. Brian O'Leary
South Kerry Development Partnership Limited		Liaison Committee for Killarney National Park	
Cllr. Donal Grady		Mr. Brian O'Leary	
Strategic Policy Committees			
Economic, Planning & Development SPC Cllr. Cathal Walshe		Housing SPC Cllr. Sean O'Grady	
Killarney Technology Innovation		Lough Leane Working Group	
Cllr. Sean Counihan		Cllr. Sean O'Grady	
Arts Committee		Killarney Drugs Liaison Committee	
Cllr. Sean O'Grady Cllr. John O'Donoghue Ms. Sheila Dickson		Cllr. Sean O'Grady, Cllr. Donal Grady	Cllr. Tom Doherty Cllr. Cathal Walshe
Kerry Recreation & Sports Partnership		Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee	
Cllr. Tom Doherty		Cllr. Donal Grady	
Joint Policing Committee			
Cllr. Sean Counihan Cllr. Hugh Courtney Cllr. Tom Doherty	Cllr. Michael Gleeson Cllr. Donal Grady Cllr. Niall O'Callaghan	Cllr. John O'Donoghue Cllr. Sean O'Grady Cllr. Cathal Walshe	Deputy Tom Sheahan Senator Paul Coghlan Senator Mark Daly



Events attended by Councillors in 2010

Conference/Seminar	Location	No.
AMAI Spring Seminar	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	2
Training Seminar – ‘Alcohol & Drug Abuse and Health & Safety’	Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Rd., Clonmel	1
18th Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference	Manor West Hotel & Leisure Club, Tralee	1
Association of County & City Councils’ Annual Conference 2010	Ballykisteen Hotel, Tipperary Town, Co. Tipperary	1
LAMA Annual Conference 2010	Sligo Park Hotel, Sligo	1
AMAI 97th Annual Conference – ‘Local Government for the Future’	Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Inishowen, Co. Donegal	3
Celtic Conferences – ‘How to be an effective Mayor/Chairperson’	The Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone, Co. Westmeath	1
Annual National Substance & Alcohol Misuse Conference ‘Getting a Grip 2010’	The Europe Hotel, Killarney	3
LAMA Autumn Seminar	Listowel Arms Hotel, Listowel	1
ECAD Conference	Malta, Italy	1

Members Expenses

	€
Mayor	9,000
Members Allowances	18,137.37
Representational Payments	33,043.70

The total payment made by Killarney Town Council in respect of attendance authorised by the authority at a meeting of a prescribed association of local authorities of which the authority is a member, and, attendance authorised by the authority at a conference seminar or other meeting or event, was €7,195.61, in 2010, relating to travel and subsistence expenses within the State and €2,957.65 which related to travel and subsistence expenses outside the State.



Report on the Activities of Killarney Town Council 2010

Housing & Social Support

On 31st December 2010 there were 914 qualified applicants on the Town Council's Housing list and a further 6 were in the process of being assessed.

Housing Stock at 31/12/10 **315**

Housing Allocations 2010 **9**

Tenant Purchase Scheme

- Five Applications received. No sales completed.

Radon Testing / Energy Efficiency Improvement Works

Radon tests were completed in 124 houses and testing is underway in a further 184 houses. The remaining seven houses will be completed early next year. Of those tested 15 must be re-tested and remedial work has been carried out on eight houses.

Energy efficiency works to improve the BER rating have been carried out on eight houses.

Refurbishment

Refurbishment works, consisting of the internal dry lining of bedrooms, pumping of cavity walls, and replacement of fascia, soffits and gutters have been carried out on 12 houses at Monastery Gardens.

Emergency Accommodation

Killarney Town Council has approval and funding from the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government for 10 emergency beds. In Killarney town a total of 39 people were accommodated in 2010.

Clúid Housing Association has purchased a property in Killarney to develop a purpose built emergency hostel but the necessary funding to develop the facility has not yet been provided.

Roads, Transportation & Safety

Killarney Town Council has 48km of urban roads in its administrative area. These roads include streets, housing estate roads, distribution roads and laneways. During 2010 Killarney Town Council resurfaced 1.3km of roadway and 100 metres of footpaths.

Killarney Town Council spent €1,200,000 on Road Maintenance, Road Improvement, Public Lighting and footpath improvement.

Specific Projects

The following works were carried out during 2010:

- Completion of a new state of the art Council Depot at Woodlands Industrial Estate and construction of a new link road between Woodlands Industrial Estate and Spa Road.
- Road Works Programme 2010.



Report on the Activities of Killarney Town Council 2010

Killarney Area Services Centre

The Area Services Centre continues to provide services for both Kerry County Council and Killarney Town Council.

Payments are receipted for both councils, including payments for all the major revenue streams, such as Housing Rents and Loans, Rates, Water Services charges, Refuse charges and Traffic Fines. Applications are accepted for Kerry County Council services, in particular Motor Taxation. However, for administrative purposes, applications for Planning and Driving Licences need to be forwarded directly to Áras an Chontae, Tralee by the applicants.

In Sept. 2010 the Motor Taxation service was updated to an Online Facility. Applicants are required to have a Tax Renewal Form with valid PIN number. Cash payments are accepted and a receipt issued; the application is then processed through www.motortax.ie and the disc is issued within a couple of days. A Self Service Kiosk was also installed for customers to use the Online Tax facility using their own credit/ debit cards. The revised service is reviewed on an ongoing basis.

Water Services

The existing watermain at Ballycasheen Road and Countess Road were replaced during 2010 and new storm pipelines were also provided.

Planning & Economic Development

No. of valid applications received – 106

No. of planning decisions issued – 101

No. of permissions granted – 88

No. of permissions refused – 13

Major applications received in 2010

10/5113 – Matthew O'Connell

Construction of 8 No. apartments at Dromhale, Woodlawn Road

10/5123 – Peter Murphy, Fred Murphy and John McCarthy

Construction of 4 No. dwelling houses at Coolclogher

10/5124 – Donal and John Hegarty

Construction of 16 No. detached houses at Coolclogher

10/5130 – Hanovan Ltd.

Erection of 38.3m high Observation Wheel and associated facilities at

Public car park, Beech Road, New Street

10/5159 – Castlemaine Developments Ltd.

Construction of 4 No. dwelling houses at Ballydowney

10/5173 – Hotel Balor Teo.

Construction of 4 No. town houses at Ballycasheen

10/5191 – Lidl Ireland GmbH

Extension to existing Lidl Food Store at Dr. Hans Liebherr Road

10/5203 – Tim and Kevin O'Donoghue

Construct (i) 18 hole crazy golf course; (ii) climbing wall; (iii) underground bug experience tunnel; (iv) underground mining experience; (v) access road and all ancillary site services, at Ardshanavooley



Report on the Activities of Killarney Town Council 2010

Planning Enforcement

This section of the Planning Department continues to be very demanding in terms of time and resources. A total of 63 new enforcement complaints (51 written/internal and 12 verbal) were received, processed and investigated in 2010 with a number of other ongoing files still receiving attention.

In 2010 the Planning Authority issued 48 No. Warning Letters and 19 Enforcement Notices.

Environment

Tidy Towns 2010

Killarney scored very highly in the Annual Tidy Towns Competition again this year. At the Award Ceremony in The Helix, Dublin, Killarney received its 10th consecutive Gold Medal. The Town was also awarded the County Award, the Regional Award and the Tidiest Large Town. Killarney also won the Regional Award for the Bio-Diversity Notice Nature Category for its submission on Killarney National Park and Knockreer House and Education Centre.

Best Kept Town 2010

Killarney received the award for the Best Kept Town in Ireland, both North and South, during the year. This is an All-Ireland Competition run by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government and the Northern Ireland Amenity Council.

Killarney Looking Good 2010

The Killarney Looking Good Competition got underway this year in January at its official launch, which was held in the Dromhall Hotel, Killarney. There were around 30 categories to choose from, catering for everyone from large hotels to small roadside gardens. The competition has grown from strength to strength each year and we had a huge number of entries in this year's Competition.

Refuse Service

Killarney Town Council continued its refuse collection service with the provision of a segregated collection service involving three separate collections during 2010. We recycled 41 % of the waste collected from our 2,175 domestic customers, and 130 commercial customers.



Report on the Activities of Killarney Town Council 2010

Recreation, Amenity & Tourist Development

Killarney Drugs Liaison Committee

Killarney Drugs Liaison Committee continued its combat against substance abuse in 2010. Cllr. Tom Doherty stepped down as Chairman following a number of years at the helm. At the AGM held in April 2010, Cllr. Cathal Walshe was elected Chairman.

Projects undertaken during 2010 are as follows:-

The Junior Certificate Alcohol & Substance Misuse Programme, which has now been running for five years, was once again a great success in 2010. The project involves the distribution of educational packs to the parents of Junior Certificate Students in the three local secondary schools prior to the issue of the Junior Certificate Exam results. The project involves the co-operation of the school principals, the Gardaí and owners of licensed premises. It is hoped that this project will be extended to other second levels schools in the South Kerry Area.

In October 2010 South Kerry Life Education Mobile Ltd held their seventh National Conference for Local Authorities and the Public Service concerning substance and alcohol misuse – 'Getting a Grip – Building a Social Response'. This was a very well attended conference. Among the speakers were Minister Mary Coughlan TD, John Waters and Fr. Peter McVerry.

Killarney Arts

The Killarney Arts Committee continued its work throughout 2010 to help promote Arts in Killarney. During the summer months the Committee was involved in organising 'Spraoi Ciarraí' which took place in both the Deenagh Lodge and St Mary's Church of Ireland.

The Eamon Kelly Memorial Bursary for Further Education in Arts attracted a lot of applicants and it was agreed that this year's Bursary should be awarded to the Killarney School of Music.

The Committee undertook an Arts Audit of Artists in the Killarney Postal District. The findings of this Audit were presented to Killarney Town Council in April 2010.

Twinning & Marketing Committee

The Killarney Town Council Twinning and Marketing Committee continued their work in promoting Killarney all over the world. Delegations from Killarney travelled to Pleinfeld in Germany and to the U.K. We were delighted to welcome visitors from Pleinfeld in Germany, Staffanstorp in Sweden



Killarney Town Council Financial Report 2010

		2009	2010
Expenditure	Revenue	14,340,471	13,422,238
	Capital	5,692,796	773,282
Income	Revenue	14,376,261	13,469,059
	Capital	3,399,025	2,239,654
Annual Rate on Valuation		€71.78	€70.37
Main Sources of Revenue Income 2010		%	€
Commercial Rates	52.10%		7,020,209
Local Government Fund	11.60%		1,562,017
Service Charges	11.20%		1,502,778
Parking Fines/Charges	9.80%		1,315,589
Housing Rents	4.90%		659,785
Miscellaneous Income - Goods & Services	5.10%		691,258
NPPR	2.80%		376,720
State Grants & Subsidies	2.50%		340,703
Service Indicators			
Commercial Rates:	67% of amount due collected at year end		
Refuse Charges:	96% of households paying Refuse Charges at year end		
Non-Domestic Water Charges:	74% of amount due collected at year end		



Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre

In February 2010 SP Sports Management Ltd (Coral Leisure) took over the management of the leisure centre from Aura Sports and Leisure Management Ltd.

Visits during 2010: 130,936 people

Most popular feature: Gym

2010 Awards

- ILAM White Flag
- Silver Award in Disability Provision
- LAMA Award

Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre is now a trial centre for ILAM White Flag new National Standards of Excellence

Classes available at Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swim Lessons Adults only • Children's lessons 6-18 months • Swim lessons 18 months to 4 years. • Children's Swim Academy, • Masters Swimming, • Childrens Swim Coaching, • Private Swim Lessons, • Rookie Lifesaving, • LBT, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensive Swim Lessons. • Pilates, • Yoga, • Thai Boxing, • Hip Hop Dance, • Taekwondo, • Scuba Diving, • IWS Water Safety Courses • Fitness Classes • Aqua fit, • Core fitness, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spinning, • Rebounding, • Stretch & relax, • Sculpt & tone, • Step aerobics, • Circuit training • Fitball, • Teen fit, • Ab attack, • Successful slimmers, • 50 & Fab.
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Clubs using Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Pauls Basketball Club, • Badminton Munster, • Fossa Brownies, • Kerry Sports partnership, • Killarney Athletic, • Killarney Rugby Club, • Killarney Celtic, • Kerry Senior Football Team, • Killarney Gardaí, • Beaufort community games, • Beaufort youth club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mastergeeha FC, • Listry GAA, • Dr. Crokes, • EGA International, • FAI, • Galway Titans, • Glenflesk GAA, • Gneeveguilla Basketball Club, • HSE, • Irish Girl Guides, • Joanne Barry Dance, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KDYS, • Kerry County Council, • Kerry Stars, • Kerry Area Basketball, • Kerry Development Board, • Kerry Parents & Friends, • Killorglin Rowing Club, • Milltown FC, • National Learning Network, • Rathmore Basketball Club, • Sullane FC, • Waterworld Scuba Diving.
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Schools using Killarney Sports & Leisure Centre

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anabla National School, • Fossa National School, • Gaelscoil Faithleann, • Scoil Phobail Sliabh Luachra • Blackvalley NS, • Milltown NS, • Coláiste Ghobnatan, • Cullina NS, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoil Mhuire Boys NS, • Castledrum NS, • Gurrane NS, • Douglas NS, • Castlemaine after-school, • Tiernaboul NS, • Presentation Milltown, • Kilgobnet NS, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scartaglin NS • Kiltallagh NS, • Kiskeam NS, • Holy Cross Mercy NS, • Boheshill NS • Presentation Monastery, • Shrone NS
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Listowel Town Council





Foreword by Mayor of Listowel

I am privileged to have been elected Mayor of Listowel Town Council for the year 2010/2011. This report is a time to reflect on the many challenges and opportunities which Listowel Town Council has been involved in during the year.

In 2010 Listowel Town Council continued the upgrading works on footpaths in Market Street as well as works on the Greenville Road, Woodview and Ashgrove.

I would like to congratulate the Tidy Town Committee on having retained a gold medal in the Tidy Towns Competition in 2010. This result has been achieved as a result of the many people in our community who give tirelessly of their time promoting a cleaner and tidier environment.

It was also a privilege for me to welcome my fellow councilors from all over Ireland to the LAMA Autumn Seminar which was held in Listowel in October.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Elected Members, the Town Manager and all the staff of the Town Council for their dedication and commitment to the Town in 2010 and also for their assistance to me in my role as Mayor.



Cllr Anthony Curtin
Mayor of Listowel



Listowel Town Manager's Report



The past year has been particularly challenging for Listowel Town Council. Faced with a 11% reduction in the Local Government Funding and the introduction of VAT payments on key services such as car park charges and refuse collection, it has become more reliant on own resource funding (rates, car parking charges and service charges), for the provision of core services. In addition the Council had to address the immense challenges presented by the extremely harsh weather experienced in January and December.

The response to these challenges demonstrated a strong commitment from our staff to serving the local community, directed by strong leadership from its elected council on the need to focus on the provision of core local services. The provision of core service delivery was achieved through a fundamental review of all our operations, training of staff and redistribution of staffing functions.

Despite the difficult economic environment, the year saw progress with continued upgrading of Market Street and the water supply network in the town. The upgrade in the water supply network significantly reduced the need for water rationing in the town during the severe weather of December.

Listowel Town Council is mindful of the difficult economic environment for customers of our key services, including rate payments, water and refuse collection, as well as our tenants. Where customers have experienced difficulties, the Council has been supportive and provided flexible payment options, which underpins the importance of local service provision. It has also continued to support the business community in promoting local festivals, including Writers Week, Listowel Race Week, and Christmas trading.

The pursuit of excellence in all sectors of our activities, including service delivery to our customers, will continue to underpin all our actions going forward.

I would like to express my appreciation of the dedication and commitment of the staff of the Town Council and the hard work of the Elected Members. In particular I wish to pay tribute to the contribution of the Mayor, Cllr Anthony Curtin, and his predecessor Cllr. Tom Walsh for their commitment and dedication to the development of the town.

Charlie O'Sullivan
Listowel Town Manager



Membership of Listowel Town Council

Listowel Town Council 2010



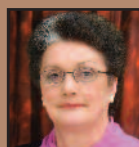
Cllr Jacqueline Barrett (FG)



Cllr Tom Barry (SF)



Cllr Anthony Curtin (SF)



Cllr Maria Gorman (FF)



Cllr Mike Kennelly (FG)



Cllr Jimmy Moloney (FF)



Cllr Tim O'Leary (FG)



Cllr Denis Stack (FG)



Cllr Tom Walsh (FF)

Civic Receptions 2010

- Reception for Colm O'Brien March
- Reception for Listowel Badminton Club April
- Reception for Listowel Ladies Soccer Team April
- Reception for North Kerry Eagles Special Olympics October
- Reception for Declan McCarron October

Events attended by Councillors in 2010

Conference	Location	Date	No. Attending
Antrim Tourism Conference	Dunadry, Co. Antrim	Jan	1
AMAI Annual Spring Seminar	Sligo	Feb	3
LAMA Spring Conference	Sligo	April	1
AMAI Annual Conference	Buncrana, Co. Donegal	Sept	2
LAMA Annual Autumn Seminar	Listowel	October	8



Membership of Boards/Committees 2010

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland	Kerry Education Service
Cllr Tom Walsh Cllr Maria Gorman	Cllr Jimmy Moloney Cllr Maria Gorman
Local Authorities Members Association	Listowel Community Centre Ltd
Cllr Maria Gorman	Cllr Tom Barry
Kerry Literary & Cultural Centre	St. John's Arts & Heritage Centre
Cllr Anthony Curtin	Cllr Jimmy Moloney
Representatives on SPCs of Kerry County Council	North & East Kerry Development
Environment & Water Services SPC Cllr Denis Stack Transport SPC Cllr Jimmy Moloney	Cllr Maria Gorman
Irish Public Bodies	
Cllr Tom Walsh	

Members Expenses 2010

Mayor	€3,000
Deputy Mayor	€750
Members Expenses	€17,493
Representational Payments to Members	€37,629

The total payment made by Killarney Town Council in respect of attendance authorised by the authority at a meeting of a prescribed association of local authorities of which the authority is a member, and, attendance authorised by the authority at a conference seminar or other meeting or event, was €10,433, in 2010, relating to travel and subsistence expenses within the State.



Report on the Activities of Listowel Town Council 2010

Housing & Social Support

Listowel Town Council received a Capital grant allocation of €440,000 which was used to fund the purchase of three additional social housing units – a 3 bedroom house and 2 apartments.

At the end of year Listowel Town Council had 117 qualified applicants for housing in the town and 16 homes were allocated to new tenants during the year (10 casual vacancies, 6 new houses acquired in 2009 and 2010).

In 2011 the Council will be carrying out a Needs Assessment of all current applications in accordance with revised guidelines from the Department of Environment Heritage and Local Government, to ensure the housing needs of our customers are appropriately addressed.

The non-sale of any homes under the Tenant Purchase Scheme in 2010 was indicative of the contraction in the economy, reduced incomes, increased levels of unemployment, borrowing constraints and future uncertainty by homeowners.

Roads, Transportation & Safety

Listowel Town Council received a block grant of €195,000 from the Department of Transport, which was used to fund improvement works on Market Street, including the upgrading of the drainage network and a new footpath. Footpath improvement works also took place at Woodview, Greenville Road, Hollytree Drive and Gurtinard.

Water Services

A pressure management survey was carried out in 2008 on the water network. Over the past year, Listowel Town Council completed works on the network to reduce water pressure and repair old sections of watermain, which resulted in substantial savings in water usage.

In accordance with the National Water Pricing Framework, it is intended to begin a revision of the charging structures for Waste Water discharges to the public network towards a 'water in water out' basis in 2011.

The investment in the water network in 2009 and 2010 meant that the Council was in a position to substantially maintain a supply of water in the town during the severe weather experienced during the past winter, although some rationing was necessary due to the irresponsible actions of a limited number of consumers.

Town Development Plan

Listowel Town Development Plan 2009-2015 was adopted on 11th May 2009 and came into effect on 8th June 2009. The Council also began a review of its planning policy with the drafting of a Core Strategy taking into consideration the challenges presented by the economic downturn.

Town Improvement Programme

The Town Improvement Programme is financed by on-street parking charges. The Programme allows Listowel Town Council to provide the many facilities required of a Heritage Town and promote the economic development and tourism potential of the town, in conjunction with local business, festival organisers, the voluntary sector and tourism promoters. The Council has continued to maintain services such as the Town Park, recycling facilities, public lighting and a public convenience as well as supporting important events in the town, which attract tourists. Upgrading works on the footpaths in the Town Park were undertaken during the year and the new playground was also completed and opened in 2010.





Report on the Activities of Listowel Town Council 2010

Tidy Towns 2010

In the 2010 Tidy Towns Competition, Listowel received a gold medal for the third year in a row. The high ranking in Tidy Towns is largely due to the combined efforts of the hard working T.A.B.L.E. (Towards A Better Listowel Everybody) committee and our outdoor staff.

Refuse Collection

Listowel Town Council continued to provide a reliable competitive refuse collection service to its customers and will continue to review the operation of this service to ensure that the citizens of Listowel receive a service that offers an alternative affordable service, delivering choice and value for money. There was a marginal increase in our customer base during 2010 and the pricing structure was reviewed at the end of the year to give our customers more flexible payment options, in recognition of the current market and economic climate.

Planning & Development

The low level of planning activity continued in 2010 with 41 applications received, which was the same as in 2009, with the majority of applications for minor improvement works.



Listowel Town Council Financial Report 2010

Annual Rate of Valuation 2010 €77.07

Expenditure

Revenue €3,203,652
Capital €995,165

Main Sources of Revenue Income	€
Commercial Rates	1,510,428
Local Government Fund	748,119
Road Grants	195,000
Water, Sewerage & Refuse	464,747
Rent	363,939
Planning Fees & Charges for Services	6,135
Contribution from Kerry County Council	39,000
Staff Pension Contributions	48,261
Parking Fines/Fees	160,219
Agency Services & Miscellaneous	26,017





Service Indicators 2010



Service Indicators 2010

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & COOPERATION		
CP1	% of Local Schools & Youth Groups involved in the local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Óg Scheme	87.27%
	Total Number of local schools & youth groups	110
	No of local schools & youth groups involved in the Local Youth Council/Comhairle na n-Óg scheme	96
CP2	No of groups registered with the Community & Voluntary Forum	528
CORPORATE ISSUES		
C1	% of working days lost to sickness absence through CERTIFIED leave	4.16%
	% of working days lost to sickness absence through UNCERTIFIED leave	0.61%
	No of working days lost to sickness absence through CERTIFIED leave	11187.18
	No of working days lost to sickness absence through UNCERTIFIED leave	1648.50
	Total Number of staff (Whole-Time Equivalent) at the end of December 2010 (As per DEHLG staffing return for the end of 2010)	1186.04
C2	Expenditure on Training & Development as a percentage of total payroll costs	5.04%
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
E1	Unaccounted Water (UFW) as a % of the total volume of water supplied under the water supply schemes that the Local Authority is responsible for	59.81%
	Total volume of water (m3 per day) under the water supply schemes that the Local Authority is responsible for	89,632
	Volume of unaccounted for water (m3 per day) under the water supply schemes that the Local Authority is responsible for	53,611
E2	Drinking Water Analysis (new)	
	% of Drinking Water Analysis results in compliance with statutory requirements with regard to:	EPA to supply data
	(a) Public Schemes	EPA
	(b) Private Schemes (where appropriate)	EPA
WASTE MANAGEMENT		
E3	Waste Segregation	
	% of households provided with segregated waste collection for dry recyclables	100%
	% of households provided with segregated waste collection for organics	19.98%
	Total number of households provided with a waste collection service	30,443
	Number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for recyclables	30,443
	Total number of households provided with a segregated waste collection service for organics	6,081





Service Indicators 2010

E4	Housing waste sent for Recycling	
	% of household waste collected from kerbside which is sent for recycling	27.27%
	Tonnage of Household Waste recycled, which arises from waste collected from recycling facilities (i.e. bring banks, civic amenity sites, transfer stations & other recycling facilities)	5,980.84
	Tonnage of Household Waste collected from kerbside	24,215.27
	Tonnage of household waste collected from Kerbside which is sent for recycling	6,604.28
	Tonnage of household waste collected from Kerbside which is landfilled	17,464.67
E5	Household waste sent for landfill	
	Total tonnage of household waste collected	24,215.27
	Tonnage of household waste collected which is sent to Landfill	17,464.67
	% of household waste collected which is sent to Landfill	72.12%
E6	Recycling Facilities	
	Total number of Bring sites in the Local Authority Area	97
	Total number of Civic Amenity Centres in the Local Authority Area	6
	GLASS	
	(a) No. of Bring Sites for recycling	97
	(b) No. of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	6
	(c) Total no. of facilities for recycling	103
	The no. of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	3.68
	CANS	
	(a) No of Bring Sites for recycling	97
	(b) No of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	6
	(c) Total no of facilities	103
	The no of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	3.68
	TEXTILES	
	(a) No of Bring Sites for recycling	0
	(b) No of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	6
	(c) Total no of facilities for recycling	6
	The no. of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.21
	BATTERIES	
	(a) No. of Bring Sites for recycling	0
	(b) No. of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	6
	(c) Total no. of facilities	6
	The no. of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.21
	OILS	
	(a) No. of Bring Sites for recycling	0
	(b) No. of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	6
	(c) Total no. of facilities for recycling	6
	The no. of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.21



Service Indicators 2010

	OTHERS	
	(a) No. of Bring Sites for recycling	6
	(b) No. of Civic Amenity Sites for recycling	6
	(c) Total no. of facilities	1
	The no. of locations for recycling per 5,000 of population	0.43
	LITTER PREVENTION & ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT	
E 7	No of Litter Wardens	
	(a) Total no. of Full time Litter Wardens	3
	(b) Total no. of Part time Litter Wardens	12
	(c) Total no. of Litter Wardens (both full & part Time	15
	No. of Litter Wardens (both full and part-time) per 5,000 population	0.54
	On the Spot Fines	
	(a) No. of on the Spot Fines issued	111
	No. of on the Spot Fines paid	42
	(b) No. of prosecution cases taken because of non payment of on the spot fines	20
	(c) No. of prosecutions secured in cases taken because of non-payment of on the spot fines	12
	No. of notices issued (Under Sections 9, 15, 16, 17 & 20 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997	2
	Total number of prosecutions taken (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	20
	Total number of prosecutions secured (all prosecutions under the Litter Acts 1997 to 2003)	12
	% of Areas within the Local Authority that are: (TES Consulting to submit Info)	
	(a) Unpolluted (i.e. litter free)	
	(b) Slightly polluted with litter	
	(c) Moderately polluted with litter	
	(d) Significantly polluted with litter	
	(e) Grossly polluted with litter	
E 8	Environmental Complaints & Enforcement	
	Total no of cases subject to complaints concerning environmental pollution (relating to waste, litter, water pollution, noise pollution, air pollution)	1,276
	No. of complaints investigated	1,263
	Number of complaints resolved where no further action was necessary	493
	No of enforcement procedures taken	137
E9	% of Schools participating in environmental campaigns	
	(a) Primary Schools	83.92%
	(b) Secondary Schools	92.31%
	Total No. of primary schools	143
	No of primary schools participating in environmental campaigns	120
	Total number of secondary schools	26
	No of secondary schools participating in environmental campaigns	24



Service Indicators 2010

FIRE SERVICE		
F1	Average time, in minutes to mobilise fire brigades in Full-Time stations	N/A
	Average time, in minutes to mobilise fire brigades in Part-Time stations Retained Fire Service) in respect of Fires	6.13
	Average time taken in minutes to mobilise Fire Brigades in Full-Time Stations in respect of all other emergency incidents	0
	Average time taken in minutes to mobilise Fire Brigades in Part Time Stations(retained Fire Service) in respect of all other emergency incidents	6.14
F2	% of attendance as scenes where :-	
	(a) % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at scene within 10 minutes	31%
	(b) % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	40.38%
	(c) % of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at scene after 20 minutes	28.62%
	(d) % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	29.65%
	(e) % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	56.98%
	(f) % of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	13.37%
	Total Number of incidents in respect of Fire	884
	No. of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	274
	No of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	357
	No of cases in respect of fire in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	253
	Total no of incidents in respect of all other emergency incidents (not including fire)	172
	No of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene within 10 minutes	51
	No of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 10 minutes but within 20 minutes	98
	No of cases in respect of all other emergency incidents in which first attendance is at the scene after 20 minutes	23
F3	Fire Prevention - Total no of Fire Safety Certificate applications	
	(a) Received	182
	(b) Processed	152
	(c) Total no. of applications deemed invalid	18



Service Indicators 2010

	HOUSING	
H1	Housing Vacancies	
	Total no. of dwellings in local authority stock	4,090
	Total number of dwellings, excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	4,043
	Overall % of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment)	4.13%
	% of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	50.30%
	% of empty dwellings available for letting	49.70%
	The average no. of dwellings in local authority stock	4,090
	The average no of dwellings excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects	4,043
	The average no. of dwellings that are empty (excluding those subject to major refurbishment projects)	167
	The average no. of empty dwellings unavailable for letting	84
	The average no. of empty dwellings available for letting	83
H2	Average time taken to re-let dwellings available for letting (in weeks)	
	Average time taken (in weeks) from the date of vacation of dwelling to the date when all necessary repairs are carried out which are deemed necessary to re-let the dwelling	20.68
	The average time taken (in weeks) from the works (above) being completed to the date of the first rent debit	14.85
H3	No. of repairs completed as a % of the no. of valid repair requests received	98.39%
	The no. of repairs completed	3,111
	The no. of valid repair requests received	3,162
H4	Traveller Accommodation -	
	Total no. of traveller families accommodated as a % of the targets set in the local traveller accommodation programme	60.71%
	No of Traveller families accommodated	17
	Target no of Traveller Families to be accommodated in the year, as set out in the Local Traveller accommodation Programme	28



Service Indicators 2010

H5	Enforcement of Standards in Private Rented Sector	
	Total number of Registered tenancies	5,339
	No. of Dwelling Units Inspected	240
	No. of Inspections carried out	240
	No. of dwellings inspected as % of registered tenancies	4.50%
H6	Grants to adapt Housing for the needs of people with a Disability	
	Average time taken (in weeks) to process applications under the Mobility Aids Grant Scheme, including any necessary inspection(s) from the date of receipt of a valid application to the date of decision on the application	36.69%
	Average time take (in weeks) to process applications under Housing Adaptation Grant for People with a Disability, including any necessary inspection(s) from the date of receipt of a valid application, to the date of decision on the application.	49.21%
H7	Pre-Tenancy Familiarisation Courses	
	Total Number of new Local Authority Tenants	259
	No of new Local Authority Tenants who have been offered pre tenancy familiarisation courses	161
	% of new Local Authority tenants who have been offered pre-tenancy familiarisation courses	62.16%



Service Indicators 2010

	LIBRARY SERVICES	
L1	Public Opening Hours	
	(a) Average no of opening hours per week for full time libraries	37.3
	(b) Average no of opening hours per week for part-time libraries (where applicable)	13.4
	% of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	100%
	% of full time libraries that have evening openings	66%
	% of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	100%
	No of full time libraries that have lunchtime openings	9
	No of full time libraries that have evening openings	6
	No of full time libraries that have Saturday openings	9
L2	Library Visits	
	No of visits of full time libraries per 1,000 population	3044.96
	Total no of visits to full time libraries	425,792
L3	Library Stock	
	Annual expenditure on stock per head of population (county/city wide)	€2.50
	No of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for books	3.3
	No of items issued per head of population (county/city wide) for other items	0.07
	Annual expenditure on stock	€350,000
	Total no of books issued	462,147
	Total no of other items issued	9,964
L4	Internet Access through Libraries	
	Total number of Internet sessions provided	65,041
	Total no of internet sessions provided per 1,000 population	465.13



Service Indicators 2010

	MOTOR TAXATION	
M 1	No of Motor Tax transactions which are	
	(a) Dealt with over the counter	62,734
	(b) Dealt with by post	48,648
	(c) Dealt with in other ways	64,638
	% of Motor Tax transactions which are	
	(a) Dealt with over the counter	35.64%
	(b) Dealt with by post	27.64%
	(c) Dealt with in other ways	36.72%
M 2	No of postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application	
	(a) On the same day	48,434
	(b) On the third day or less	148
	(c) On the fifth day or less	7
	(d) Over 5 days	59
	% of overall postal applications which are dealt with (i.e. disc/driver licence issued) from receipt of the application	
	(a) On the same day	99.56%
	(b) On the third day or less	0.30%
	(c) On the fifth day or less	0.01%
	(d) Over 5 days	0.12%
M3	Time taken to process Driving Licence Applications - Number of Driver Licence applications which are dealt with from receipt of the application	
	(a) On the same day	20,503
	(b) On the third day or less	42
	(c) On the fifth day or less	0
	(d) Over 5 days	3
	Time taken to process Driving Licence Applications - Percentage of Driver Licence applications which are dealt with from receipt of the application	
	(a) On the same day	99.78%
	(b) On the third day or less	0.20%
	(c) On the fifth day or less	0.00%
	(d) Over 5 days	0.01%
M 4	Public Opening Hours	
	Average no. of opening hours per week	28.50%



Service Indicators 2010

PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL		
P1	Planning Applications -Decision Making Individual Houses	
	No. of Applications decided	453
	No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	232
	No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	221
	No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	79.70
	% of grants	64.90%
	% of refusals	35.10%
	% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An bord Pleanala	58.62%
	% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	41.38%
	No. of applications granted	294
	No. of applications refused	159
	No. of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by an Bord Pleanala	17
	No. of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	12
	New Housing Developments	
	No. of Applications decided	51
	No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	27
	No of decisions which required the submission of further information	24
	No of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	73.96
	% of grants	49.02%
	% of refusals	50.98%
	% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	55.56%
	% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	44.44%
	No. of Applications granted	25
	No. of applications refused	26
	No. of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by an Bord Pleanala	5
	No. of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	4



Service Indicators 2010

	Other: Not Requiring EIA	
	No. of Applications decided	799
	No. of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	602
	No. of decisions which required the submission of further information	197
	No. of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	77.93
	% of grants	82.23%
	% of refusals	17.77%
	% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	58.90%
	% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	41.10%
	No of applications granted	657
	No of applications refused	142
	No of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by an Bord Pleanala	43
	No of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	30
	Other: Requiring EIA	
	No of Applications decided	7
	No of decisions which were decided within 8 weeks	4
	No of decisions which required the submission of further information	3
	No of decisions where an extension of time was agreed to by the applicant, under Section 34(9) of the Planning and Development Act 2000	0
	Average length of time taken (in days) to decide a case where further information was sought	108.67
	% of grants	71.43%
	% of refusals	28.57%
	% of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by An Bord Pleanala	50%
	% of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	50%
	No. of applications granted	5
	No. of applications refused	2
	No. of cases where the decision was confirmed, with or without variations, by an Bord Pleanala	1
	No. of cases where the decision was reversed by An Bord Pleanala	1
P 2	Planning Enforcement	
	Total no. of cases subject to complaints that are investigated	489
	Total no. of cases subject to complaints that are dismissed	111
	Total no. of cases subject to complaints that were resolved through negotiations	220
	No. of enforcement procedures taken through warning letters	233
	No. of enforcement procedures taken through enforcement notices	158
	No. of prosecutions	10



Service Indicators 2010

P 3	Public Opening Hours	
	Average no. of opening hours per week	38
P 4	Consultations	
	No. of pre planning consultations meetings held	716
	Average length of time (in days) from request for consultation with local authority planner to actual formal meeting for pre planning consultation	8.18
P 5	Buildings inspected as a percentage of new buildings notified to the local authority	28.93%
	Total no. of new buildings notified to the Local Authority	560
	No. of buildings notified to the Local Authority that were inspected	162
P6	Taking Estates in Charge	
	(a) The no. of residential estates for which the planning permission has expired, in respect of which formal written requests for taking in charge (from residents or developers) were on hands at the beginning of the year	32
	(b) No. of estates that were taken in charge in the year in question	10
	(c) No. of dwellings in respect of column B	350
	(d) % of estates in Column A not completed to the satisfaction of the planning authority in line with the planning permission	93.75%
	(e) No. of estates in Column D in respect of which enforcement action was taken in the year in question and/or the bond was called in	0
	(f) No of estates in Column D in respect of which works were undertaken by the Authority to bring the estate to taking in charge standard	0
	No. of estates in Column A not completed to satisfaction of the Planning Authority in line with Planning permission	30
RECREATIONAL SERVICES		
REC 1	Number of Children's playgrounds	
	No. of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population directly provided by the local authority	0.06
	No of children's playgrounds per 1,000 population facilitated by the local authority	0.09
	Directly provided by the Local Authority	9
	Facilitated by the Local Authority	13
	No. of visitors to local authority facilitated leisure facilities per 1,000 population	1,896.50
REC 2	No. of visitors to local authority facilitated swimming facilities	265,197



Service Indicators 2010

	REVENUE COLLECTION	
Rev 1	House Rent	
	(a) The Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	95.58%
	(b) Percentage of Arrears	0%
	(i) Rent arrears 4-6 weeks old	4.50%
	(ii) Rent arrears 6-12 weeks old	9.16%
	(iii) Rent arrears more than 12 weeks old	86.34%
	Amount due at year end from house rents	€10,253,871
	Amount collected at year end from house rents	€9,800,390
	Amount of arrears at year end from house rents	€453,481
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rents that are 4 weeks old	€0.00
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rents that are 4-6 weeks old	€20,412
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rents that are 6-12 weeks old	€41,555
	Amount of arrears on Housing Rent that are more that 12 weeks old	€391,514
Rev 2	Housing Loans	
	(a) Amount Collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	89.92%
	(b) Percentage of Arrears	
	(i) Arrears 1 month old	0.00%
	(ii) Arrears 1-2 months old	0.00%
	(iii) Arrears 2-3 months old	0.00%
	(iv) Arrears more than 3 months old	100.00%
	Amount due at year end from Housing Loans	€1,807,755
	Amount collected at year end from Housing Loans	€1,625,593
	Amount of Arrears at year end from Housing Loans	€182,162
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1 month old	€0.00
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 1-2 months old	€0.00
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 2-3 months old	€0.00
	Amount of arrears on Housing Loans that are 3 months old	€182,162
Rev 3	Commercial Rates	
	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	78.33%
Rev 4	Refuse Charges	
	Percentage of households paying refuse (including waivers) charges at year end	99.09%
Rev 5	Non Domestic Water Charges	
	Amount collected at year end as a percentage of amount due	76.65%
R1	ROAD RESTORATION PROGRAMME	
	No of Kilometres of local and regional roads improved and maintained under the Restoration Programme per annum	162.341km
	No of Kilometres of local and regional roads constructed under the specific improvements grants scheme per annum	3.63km



Recruitment Gender Balance

No. of People Employed – 31 December 2010	
Breakdown	Figure
Managerial/Administrative	405
Engineering/Technical	185
Operational/Outdoor	680

Male/Female Employee Breakdown			
Breakdown	Male	Female	Total
Managerial/Administrative	92	313	405
Engineering/Technical	152	33	185
Operational/Outdoor	607	73	680
Total	851	419	1,270

Competition Statistics 2010

Competitions

No. Competitions Held 15

No. Applications received

Male 220

Female 38

Total no. of applications received 258

Placement Schemes and Work Shadowing

The Council continued its association with placement schemes for third level and post-primary schools:-

Work Shadowing 6

Work Experience 14

Total no. Student Placements in 2010 20



Corporate Plan Review

A new Corporate Plan for Kerry County Council covering the period 2009 – 2014 was adopted in November 2009.

Our aim, as the democratically elected body of the County, is to enhance the quality of life of our people and visitors by building sustainable communities and delivering quality services.

To deliver on this aim, the Corporate Plan contains six Strategic Objectives and also sets out the Implementation and Monitoring Framework to ensure progress is achieved on each of the objectives. The Strategic Objectives are as follows:

1. We will lead the planning and development of the economic, social, physical and cultural infrastructure of the County.
2. We will promote and support active citizenship for the development of socially inclusive sustainable communities.
3. We will deliver quality services to our people and visitors in an efficient, friendly and helpful manner.
4. We will deliver a best value for money ethos through all our operations.
5. We will protect the environment of our County through high quality regulation and enforcement.
6. We will facilitate the ongoing development of HR best practice to ensure that we have a skilled, motivated and committed workforce to deliver optimum standards of service.

Under the Implementation Framework, each Director, along with their staff, prepares an Annual Operational Plan for the delivery of the services of the Directorate. The Director's Operational Reports, contained in this Annual Report, outline the achievements in 2010 in accordance with the Department's Operational Plan, having regard to the Corporate Priorities.