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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL
DISTRICT OF TRALEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ÁRAS AN
CHONTAE, TRALEE ON FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY 2020**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE SPEISIALTA DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH
TRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ
LÍ, AR DÉ HAOINE, 28Ú FEABHRA 2020**

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

**Cllr. D. Ferris
Cllr. C. Foley
Cllr. J. Wall
Cllr. S. Locke
Cllr. T. O'Brien
Cllr. M. Sheehy
Cllr. J. Finucane**

In attendance/ Aq Freastal

Mr. M. Scannell	Delegated Executive for the Municipal District of Tralee
Mr. J. Foley	Municipal District Officer
Mr. C. Nagle	S.E.E. Tralee Municipal District
Ms. J. McCarthy	Meetings Administrator
Ms. N O'Sullivan	S.E.O. Economic and Community Department
Ms. H Switzer	A.O. Economic and Community Department
Ms. C. Fitzgerald	S.O. Corporate Services
Ms M Stack	C.O. Economic and Community Department

The meeting commenced at 4:30pm.

Mayor J. Finucane took the Chair.

20.02.28.01: 2020 Community Support Fund for Tralee Municipal District

Ms. N. O'Sullivan briefed the members on the circulated document. She advised that 356 applications had been received county wide and of which 38 applications have been recommended for approval in the Tralee Municipal District. She acknowledged that while applications might be low in value, they can make a significant difference to the Community Groups.

No.	Name of Applicant Group	Area	Category	Project Description	Approved €
1	Ardfert Community Council	Ardfert	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Replace washing machine used to maintain service to elderly and other community members, as well as the childcare service.	€500
2	Ardfert Development Association	Ardfert	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Replace three flags at Roger Casement statue, plant fruit trees and herbs and upgrade information boards and install new planters and tubs.	€250
		Ardfert Total			€750
3	Ballinorig Estate & Ballinorig Close Residents Association	Ballinorig	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchase of hedge-cutter.	€250
		Ballinorig Total			€250
4	Ballyroe / Clogherbrien Community Association	Ballyroe	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchasing and restoring a vintage plough, constructing a plinth, mounting same, extend wildflower area and associated works.	€500
		Ballyroe Total			€500
5	Banna Rescue (CRBI)	Banna	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Three Gecko Helmet Microphone communication kits for crew members to communicate with Marine Emergency, Valentia, Shannon Coastguard and local operations.	€622
		Banna Total			€622

6	Blennerville Derrymore Community First Responders	Blennerville	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Projector, screen and accessories, adult and baby training manikins and feedback devices.	€500
7	Kerry Model Railway Club	Blennerville	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Upgrading model steam train and tracks.	€500
		Blennerville Total			€1,000
8	Curraheen Community Room Committee	Curraheen	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Purchase of folding tables and chairs and erecting a folding partition in the community room.	€500
		Curraheen Total			€500
9	Fenit Development Association	Fenit	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Biodiversity workshop - cost of presentations and guided tours.	€650
10	Fenit Rowing Club	Fenit	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Hosting the County Championships in August 2020.	€500
		Fenit Total			€1,150
11	Spa Tidy Village Group	Spa	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchase of equipment and cost of Tidy Towns projects including cutting back hedging, removal and pruning of trees, creating rose beds with ash trees, edging green area, fixing timber railings, removing briars, replacing hedging and building a stone wall.	€750
		Spa Total			€750
12	Born to Run Tralee Marathon Club	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Couch to 5k element of the Club's programme for 2020, to include the cost of medals, light refreshments, a gazebo and portable public address equipment for safety briefings.	€500

13	Castlecourtess Castle Demesne Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Trees, plants, materials, information boards and a local diversity expert to help the residents association map existing plants and make a plan for planting a native hedgerow and other plants.	€500
14	Christie Hennessy Festival	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Staging, sound, lighting, marketing, printing, public relations costs and artists expenses for this annual festival showcasing Irish singer-song writers, to be held 31st October to 2nd November 2020.	€4,000
15	Connolly Park Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Lawnmower to replace two older models.	€500
16	Cúil Fuine Residents Committee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Replace trees damaged in 2018 storm and finish the planting of hedging along the boundary at the front of the estate.	€500
17	Féile na mBláth	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	2020 programme of events for annual family festival celebrating Tralee Town Park.	€15,000
18	Friends of Able/ Tralee Tidy Towns	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Community employment scheme working with other voluntary groups and Tralee Municipal District on various Tidy Towns related projects throughout Tralee, including a voucher scheme for plants and shrubs to be planted by numerous residents' associations and committees throughout Tralee.	€8,000
19	Killeen Heights Residents Committee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	14 hanging baskets around estate and flowers and shrubs for 5 flowerbeds.	€500
20	Kingdom County Fair	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Community event showcasing rural livelihoods, supporting local arts, crafts, catering and Irish heritage and traditions, to be held in Tralee, on the 10th May 2020.	€1,000

21	Kingdom Swimming Club	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Female-only training camp over two weekends (March and May) in University Limerick Sports Arena, to encourage more females in the 12+ age group to continue to swim at club level.	€500
22	Manor Village	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Improvements to the beehive and butterfly boxes.	€500
23	Mounthawk Manor Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Replacing trees and developing a small woodland area with native Irish wildflowers.	€500
24	Name It Women's Group	Tralee	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Range of activities for women's over 55 group, in the areas of health and fitness, safety in the home, mindfulness, arts and crafts and communication, January to June and September to December 2020.	€500
25	National Circus Festival of Ireland	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	4-day circus convention with 250 delegates including various workshops for varying skill levels, a school outreach programme and public shows, to be held in Tralee, 12th to 15th November 2020.	€500
26	Nonfaction	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Delivering event series Original Sounds in Original Spaces, involving the programming of five arts and cultural events in unique and historic buildings around Tralee Municipal District.	€500
27	Rath Cemetery Committee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Improving entrance to Rath Cemetery.	€500
28	Rath Oraigh Community Childcare	Tralee	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Smart TV for training courses.	€500

29	St. Brendan's Catchment Running Group	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Marking out the width of approximately 850m of running surface in St. Brendan's Park area.	€500
30	St. Brendan's Park Residents' Association	Tralee	Growing and Sustaining Communities	New lawnmower.	€500
31	St. Patricks Day Parade Tralee	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Infrastructure, health and safety and artistic scaled pieces, activities and elements within the annual parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, in Tralee, on the 17th March 2020.	€8,000
32	Tidy Tralee Together	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Awards night recognising the efforts of those involved in Tidy Towns in Tralee.	€3,000
33	Tralee Chamber Alliance	Tralee	Community Economic Innovation	Programme of initiatives/events which are to be discussed and agreed at a separate meeting with Elected Members will include €10,000 to be ring-fenced towards working with Retail Excellence Ireland	€50,000
34	Tralee Community Bridge Club	Tralee	Growing and Sustaining Communities	Computer system, laptop and printer for the Community Bridge Centre (6 bridge clubs affiliated) to enhance the scoring of games and encourage membership.	€500
35	Tralee Community Garden Project	Tralee	Growing and Sustaining Communities	24 public participation sessions on food production in line with the projects goals for self-sufficiency, recycling, waste management, water conservation, biodiversity care, wellbeing, quality of life, physical activity and protection of the environment in a socially inclusive atmosphere.	€500
36	Tralee Flower & Garden Club	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Workshops on planning, design and plants suitable for sustainable gardening, some to be held during Féile na mBláth.	€500

37	Tralee Pitch & Putt Club	Tralee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Hosting ladies events throughout 2020 aimed at increasing membership women 30 to 50 and young girls 13 to 17.	€500
38	Tralee Tidy Towns	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Inviting a judge from National Tidy Towns to Tralee to develop a strategy to improve Tralee's performance.	€3,000
		Tralee Total			€101,500
	Countywide Allocation	Countywide		Anam Cara €500 Cork Kerry Link Bus (Kerry Cancer Support Trust Clg) €6,000 Kingdom Wheelblasters €500 Fleadh Cheoil Chiarrai €4,000 Irish Refugee Council Kerry Sanctuary Runners €600 equally across Tralee, Kenmare and Killarney Municipal Districts Kerry International Film Festival €1,000 Kerry Joint Policing Committee €2,500 Kerry Macra na Feirme Committee €1,500 Kerry Pride LGBT €500 Kerry Volunteer Centre €500 Mountain Biking Kerry €500 Recovery Haven Kerry €500 Tralee International Children's Games €500 Transition Kerry €1,000 between Tralee, Listowel and Castleisland-Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District	€5,606
		Countywide Total			€5,606
		Grand Total			€112,628

Cllr. C Foley thanked the staff of the Community Department for compiling this document. This can be a very difficult task to complete with so many groups looking for funding. The community groups do an excellent job and the Community Support fund is a great incentive for them to continue this work.

Cllr. T. O' Brien thanked the staff of the Community Department and stated that a case could be made for all groups.

Cllr. S. Locke welcomed the funding and wished to concur with the comments expressed by the previous speakers.

Cllr. M. Sheehy welcomed the document and wished to concur with the previous comments. He welcomed the allocation for Tralee Swimming Club and wished the very best of luck to Mr. Jack Grace who is currently with National Centre Limerick – Kingdom and is the current National Men's 100m Short Course Champion and Ms. Grace Reidy who is a current club member & part of F4F24 Provisional Olympic Squad for 2024.

Cllr. D. Ferris welcomed the allocation and stated that this is a tough job and thanked the staff for the work in compiling the document. She particularly welcomed the allocation to both the Banna Sea Rescue which is an excellent voluntary group and the funding to the Ardfert Community group.

Cllr. J. Wall welcomed the allocation and wished to concur with comments expressed by the previous members. He particularly welcomed the funding to the Tidy Town groups.

Mayor J. Finucane welcomed the document and stated that many of the applicants depend heavily on this funding to keep their groups operating. The Community support Fund is a way for the council to thank these groups for their continued hard work in our Town.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. T. O' Brien and SECONDED by Cllr. S. Locke it was agreed to approve the allocations from the 2020 Community Support Fund for the Municipal District of Tralee as circulated.

The meeting concluded at 5:00pm.

Joan McCarthy

Ms. J. McCarthy
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. Jim Finucane
Mayor of the Municipal District of Tralee