

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF LISTOWEL HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021.**

**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE SPEISIALTA DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH LIOS TUATHAIL AR LÍNE MS TEAMS, AR DÉ CÉADAON, 14ú IÚIL 2021**

**PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR**

**Councillors/Comhairleoirí**

**Cllr. T. Barry  
Cllr. R. Beasley  
Cllr. M. Foley  
Cllr. M. Kennelly  
Cllr. J. Moloney  
Cllr. A. Thornton**

**In attendance/i láthair**

<b>Mr. J. Kennelly</b>	<b>Listowel MD Manager</b>
<b>Mr. P. Corkery</b>	<b>MD Meetings Administrator</b>
<b>Mr. A. Smith</b>	<b>MD Officer</b>
<b>Mr D. O' Mahony</b>	<b>MD Engineer</b>
<b>Mr. J. Downes</b>	<b>CO Corporate Support</b>
<b>Ms. M. Mullane</b>	<b>Community Department</b>
<b>Ms. N. O'Sullivan</b>	<b>SEO Community</b>
<b>Ms. N. Diggins</b>	<b>Community Department</b>
<b>Ms. T. Kelly</b>	<b>Community Department</b>

**21.07.14.01: 2021 Community Support Fund for Listowel Municipal District.**

The meeting commenced at 11.15am for Members, Executive & Press. Cathaoirleach M. Kennelly took the Chair.

**Meetings Administrator Mr. P. Corkery** welcomed Members and Press to the online Community Support Fund Meeting for the Listowel Municipal District.

**Ms. N. O'Sullivan** briefed the Members on the document as presented and advised that 141 applications had been received county wide, of which 38 applications had been received in the Listowel Municipal District. Of the 38 applications, 29 are recommended for approval in the Listowel Municipal District through the Community Support Fund. 3 groups are being recommended for joint funding across the 5 Municipal Districts (county wide) and the remaining 9 groups had been contacted with a view to them sourcing funding from other funding streams available to them.

**Ms. N. O' Sullivan** advised that since 2020, 280 projects had been helped under the Business Continuity Support funds and Covid-19 support funds. The total value of the funding to be distributed from the Community Support Fund for the Listowel Municipal District is €52,746.

**Ms. N. O'Sullivan** referred the Members to the Community Support Fund as follows:

**Community Support Fund 2021 Approved Allocations Listowel MD - Meeting 14th July, 2021**

No	Name of Applicant Group	Area	Category	Project Description	Approved Amount
1	Abbeydorney Development Committee	Abbeydorney	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchase (plants/baskets) for hanging baskets and window boxes for the village and parish hall.	€965.00
		<b>Abbeydorney Total</b>			<b>€965.00</b>
2	Asdee Community Development Association	Asdee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Complete the creation of a public space in the village adjacent to the grotto including machine hire, repositioning of telegraph pole, new boundary wall, concrete works, seating, information boards, painting, plants, bug hotels.	€2,500.00
		<b>Asdee Total</b>			<b>€2,500.00</b>
3	Ballybunion Arts Festival	Ballybunion	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Hire of venues, pay for hospitality and workshops for Ballybunion Arts Festival which takes place in September.	€1,000.00
4	Ballybunion Community Forum	Ballybunion	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Upgrade the front of the tourist office on Main Street, Ballybunion, including painting, replacement of window, door and a new sign.	€2,000.00
5	Ballybunion Community Forum CLG.	Ballybunion	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Build a low budget website to promote and detail the first Triathlon festival/event over a weekend annually, supply race information and hopefully be a vehicle to attract participants, spectators and visitors alike.	€1,000.00
6	Ballybunion Tidy Towns	Ballybunion	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Plaster a dull block wall with an attractive fish mosaic on a prime corner leading to central beach.	€2,500.00
		<b>Ballybunion Total</b>			<b>€6,500.00</b>
7	Ballyduff GAA	Ballyduff	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Provision of a community walkway within GAA grounds.	€750.00
8	Ballyduff Tidy Towns (formerly Ballyduff in Bloom)	Ballyduff	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Biodiversity projects, planting ie. flowers in the tubs, hanging baskets, ditches, walls and wild garden. Plant native Irish pollinators in the new orchard and woodlands in the community garden.	€1,500.00
		<b>Ballyduff Total</b>			<b>€2,250.00</b>

9	Ballyheigue Community Together (Tidy Towns)	Ballyheigue	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Develop information signage inserts to include information regarding village amenities & services, walks and cycleways. Replace the Castle Gate lighting.	€2,500.00
10	Ballyheigue Social Economy Enterprises CLG	Ballyheigue	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Convert a space within the community centre to a exercise/dance studio by installing a mirrored wall.	€500.00
11	Ballyheigue Social Economy Enterprises CLG	Ballyheigue	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Purchase of 5 dining tables for Day-Care service.	€500.00
12	Marian Park Residence Association	Ballyheigue	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Replace/repair the roof of the bus stop. Purchase a strimmer.	€500.00
		<b>Ballyheigue Total</b>			<b>€4,000.00</b>
13	Ballylongford Enterprise Association	Ballylongford	Community Economic Innovation	Set up and run a computer hub in the local parish hall. Purchase a desk, laptop and printer.	€2,500.00
14	Ballylongford Playground Development Committee	Ballylongford	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchase 2 recycled plastic flower boxes for landscaping.	€750.00
15	Ballylongford Tidy Towns	Ballylongford	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Plant trees and a native hedgerow and replenish 2 shrubs in the village as recommended in the 2019 Tidy Towns report.	€1,000.00
		<b>Ballylongford Total</b>			<b>€4,250.00</b>
16	Causeway & District, Resource, Daycare, Recreational & Social Development CLG	Causeway	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchase picnic benches. Develop a site where restored ploughs will be placed in a raised bed. Purchase 4 flag poles & flags. Erect a plaque exhibiting the All Ireland winners from the parish.	€2,500.00
		<b>Causeway Total</b>			<b>€2,500.00</b>
17	Knockanure Community Development CLG ( With Charity Status)	Knockanure	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Purchase an insulated shed to house fridges & freezers. Purchase a fridge/freezer to accommodate meal preparation items and microwaves that can be loaned to meals on wheels clients who don't own one, and cannot afford to buy themselves.	€2,500.00
		<b>Knockanure Total</b>			<b>€2,500.00</b>

18	Kerry Crusaders	Listowel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Market the running of the Listowel Endurance Festival - an outdoor event, in line with guidelines.	€500.00
19	Kerry Writers' Museum	Listowel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Host Listowel International Storytelling Festival 2021 which takes place from September 16th to 19th. Appointment of professional Irish & International storytellers to perform and deliver workshops, and towards marketing & promotion.	€1,000.00
20	Listowel & District Historical Society	Listowel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Commemorate the centenary of events in North Kerry during the War of Independence producing an exhibition featuring information panels on the burning of Ballylongford, the burning of Kilmorna House and the killing of 3 IRA volunteers at Gortagianna in the Valley of Knockanure. These will be complimented by original artefacts including the Kilmorna House visitors book. The exhibition will go on display in Kerry Writers' Museum as part of Heritage Week 2021 and will remain in place on an ongoing basis. The funding will be used for the production of the exhibition display panels.	€1,000.00
21	Listowel Business and Community Alliance	Listowel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Listowel Business & Community Alliance have a significant role to play in promoting the North Kerry Greenway. Capturing the domestic and international target market for the Greenway will not only require design and development of the physical infrastructure but also the development of a unique brand proposition that motivates international visitors to come to Ireland and enjoy the cycle networks. Importantly, it is envisaged that in consultation with the local trade and communities along the route, the brand proposition will also provide a framework for trade engagement so that a quality, consistent and coherent offering is presented to domestic and international visitors.	€7,000.00
22	Listowel Pitch and Putt Club	Listowel	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Build a 200 square-feet raised flower bed at the back of the 15th green.	€500.00

23	Listowel Tidy Towns	Listowel	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Upgrade and replace the heritage and historical signs and information boards in Listowel Town.	€2,500.00
24	Listowel Visual Arts	Listowel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Advertising Costs of the Festival.	€1,000.00
25	Listowel Writers' Week	Listowel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Having just completed the 1st virtual festival it is planned to continue creating hybrid events which promote Arts & Culture locally, nationally & internationally. Building on the success of the recent virtual festival, an Arts event in October is to take place & this additional event will provide an economic & tourism boost to North Kerry.	€4,000.00
26	St John's Theatre & Arts Centre	Listowel	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Purchase of office furniture including large boardroom table for upstairs community hub conversion. Purchase of 2 computers. This hub will be used by visiting artists so they have a space to work on and if community groups want to have meetings they can avail of the service.	€1,000.00
		Listowel Total			€18,500.00
27	Lixnaw Christmas Lights	Lixnaw	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Repair current lights, replace bulbs, replace switches and connections to power supplies. Purchase of a new light for village.	€1,486.50
28	Lixnaw Development Association	Lixnaw	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	The conversion of the grounds of the local hurling club from a 'green desert' to a proper family-orientated biodiversity park including installation of benches, picnic tables, bins, signage, and plant pollinator-friendly trees, shrubs and wild-flowers in the areas not designated for car parking or playing pitches.	€2,500.00
		Lixnaw Total			€3,986.50

29	Moyvane Development Association	Moyvane	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Upgrade of shrubberies on the Listowel road where tree & shrub planting are not doing well & need upgrading (Tidy Towns report 2019). Excavation of the shrubberies, adding new high quality topsoil & then replanting with pollinator friendly native Irish perennials. Replace damaged kerbing around some of the beds.	€2,500.00
		<b>Moyvane Total</b>			<b>€2,500.00</b>
30	Cork Kerry Link Bus (Cancer Support Trust Clg)	Countywide	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Transport bus for patients availing of Cancer Treatment Service. Yearly funding approved.	€1,059.00
31	Kingdom Pride in Kerry	Countywide	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	The funding will specifically be used to boost our presence, and allow others to engage with this. Badges, posters, flags are all visual signals that Kerry is inclusive of our diverse and beloved community. These are so necessary. This grant will enable us to begin a new chapter in LGBTQ+ inclusiveness in county Kerry.	€176.50
32			Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	The people of Kerry and Killarney will benefit from the return of safe, in person cinema, both culturally and recreationally. The return of national & international visitors for the festival is of huge benefit to the local hospitality & arts sectors. Local creatives will also benefit as their work will be supported by screening it to large online audiences as well as local ones, and providing industry training that enriches the Kerry Film Industry. This will promote Kerry & Killarney as not only a great tourist & film destination but a creative & supporting place to live.	€1,059.00
	Kerry International Film Festival	Countywide			
		<b>Countywide Total</b>			<b>€2,294.50</b>

**Cllr. M. Kennelly, Cathaoirleach Listowel Municipal District** welcomed the funding and commended the work of the Community Department and Kerry County Council for the recommended funding for groups within the Municipal District. The pandemic has hit so many Community Groups very hard during the past 18 months. Such groups face unprecedented challenges. The Councillor was pleased to recommend and approve the funding for groups within the Municipal District.

**MD Manager Mr. J. Kennelly** thanked the staff of the Community Department for compiling the document and the huge volume of work involved. He stated that the Community Support Fund plays a significant role in the funding of community groups and ensures that there is a steady stream of funding to these groups.

**Cllr. J. Moloney** welcomed the funding for groups and thanked the Community Department for their hard work for such a great initiative. The Councillor stated that such funding makes a huge difference for groups. However, the Councillor hoped that Listowel Writer's Week, itself an International Festival, would receive more significant funding. The Councillor hoped that the commitment as promised by the previous Town Council would be committed to. The Councillor also hoped for more clarity on funding for the Listowel Revival Festival for 2021 if the event takes place later in the year.

**Cllr. A. Thornton** welcomed the funding for Community Groups. However, the Councillor did not agree with the small budget provided for the Listowel Writer's Week Festival. For this reason, the Councillor stated that she didn't approve of the funding allocated in the Community Support Fund for the Festival 2021. The Councillor stated that the committee deserve immense credit for ensuring that the event went out online for 2021, the 50th year of the Festival. **Cllr. A. Thornton** also stated her disappointment that the plans for the Marketing of the North Kerry Greenway have not been initiated in advance of the 2022 opening of the Greenway. The Councillor hoped for clarity of such Marketing plans from the Kerry County Council Tourism Department.

**Cllr. R. Beasley** and **Cllr. T. Barry** both commended the endeavours of the Community Department and the vital funding provided to community organizations, who have been hit hard by the Covid-19 pandemic. Both Councillors recommended some clarity on Writers Week Funding.

After discussion between Members and Executive in relation to the share of the surplus funds available it was agreed to approve the apportioning of the available spare funding of €986.50 from the Community Support Budget to the Lixnaw Christmas Lights Group. This was unanimously agreed by the Members.

On the PROPOSAL of **Cllr. M. Kennelly** SECONDED by **Cllr. T. Barry** it was agreed by the Members to approve the overall allocations from the 2021 Community Support Fund for the Municipal District of Listowel as circulated.

**The meeting concluded at 11.35am.**

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**Mr. P. Corkery**  
**Meetings Administrator**

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**Cllr. M. Kennelly**  
**Cathaoirleach of Listowel**  
**Municipal District**