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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF KILLARNEY HELD VIA MS TEAMS ON TUESDAY, 14 JULY 2021

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE SPEISIALTA DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH CHILL ÁIRNE A THIONÓLADH AR LINE TRÍ FHOIRNE MS AR AN CHÉADAÍN, 14 IÚIL 2021

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

Cllr. B. Cronin

Cllr. D. Grady

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae

Cllr. N. Kelleher

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue

In attendance/i láthair

Ms. A. McAllen

Ms. N. O'Sullivan

Mr. P. Corkery

Ms. M. Mullane

Ms. E. O'Donoghue

Mr. B. Teahan

Ms. M. Galvin

Ms. N. Diggins

Ms. T. Kelly

Delegated Executive for the MD of Killarney

SEO Community Services & Engagement

Meetings Administrator

SO Community Services & Engagement

Killarney MD Officer

A/Killarney MD Officer

ASO Corporate Support

ASO Community Services & Engagement

CO Community Services & Engagement

The meeting commenced at 2.30pm.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney took the Chair. The Cathaoirleach referred to the recent tragic deaths of two people in separate incidents from the Killarney area and extended her sympathies to their families and she wished a full recovery to the person who was recovering in hospital from his injuries. Cathaoirleach Moloney also referred to Kerry footballer, (Name withheld for data protection purposes. A paper copy of unedited Minutes available on request) who was injured in a car accident on Sunday and wished him a full recovery.

Ms. O'Sullivan said she was pleased to announce the Community Support Fund for Killarney Municipal District. She advised that in the last 12 months, a total of 280 projects had been supported through the Community Enhancement Fund. She noted that communities need the Council's assistance to rebuild, reconnect and recover from the Pandemic. All applicants who applied for under the CSF will receive funding. Ms. O'Sullivan advised that 141 applications were received throughout the 5 Municipal District areas, of which 22 were received from Killarney Municipal District, with a recommendation to approve all 22. 3 County-wide applications were received and the funding for these was apportioned across the 5 Municipal Districts. Ms. O' Sullivan advised that since 2020, 280 projects had been assisted under the Business Continuity Support Fund and Covid-19 support funds.

The total value of the funding to be distributed from the Community Support Fund for the Killarney Municipal District is €114,124.

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

Community Support Fund 2021 - Approved allocations Killarney MD - Meeting 14th July, 2021

Applic. No	Name of Applicant Group	Area	Project Description	Category	Amount Approved
1	Barraduff Community field organisation	Barraduff	To fund the extension of the existing walkway/running track and to create a patio area & arboretum all within the community field	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€8,273.50
2	Barraduff Tidy Village Group	Barraduff	Installation of a seating area in the village with a picnic bench & provision of individually placed seats in the village.	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	€1,700.00
		Barraduff Total			€9,973.50
3	IRISH NATIONAL SHEEPDOG TRIAL 2020/2021	Fossa	Assist with running costs of the National Sheepdog Trial Event which is to be held in Fossa 5th - 7th August 2021	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€2,273.50
		Fossa Total			€2,273.50
4	Kilcummin Looking Good	Kilcummin	To fund the creation of a Barefoot Sensory Trail around the existing circular picnic area in the Community Biodiversity Park	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	€3,000.00
		Kilcummin Total			€3,000.00
5	Ballydribeen Residents Association	Killarney	To fund the development of flower beds in 3 areas of the estate and enhancements works to further upkeep the estate	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	€1,000.00
6	Ballyspillane Community & Family Resource CLG	Killarney	Deliver the Annual Community Summer Camp Programme to children from the local Killarney areas. Age profile catered for is 6-12 yrs providing physical activities, fun learning & environmental and social skills.	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€1,500.00

7	Christmas in Killarney	Killarney	(i) Replace and enhance Christmas Lighting and (ii) purchase new floats for parade in order to continue and expand on the delivery of a world class experience.	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€10,000.00
8	Clann Housing	Killarney	To fund the provision of outdoor raised flower beds and vegetable beds for the older residents which will allow them spend time gardening and growing their own vegetables/herbs/berries, etc.	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€1,000.00
9	Clann Housing	Killarney	To fund the installation of a community polytunnel which would be shared between 3 neighbouring Clann Schemes.	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€1,000.00
10	Gleneagle Concert Band	Killarney	To fund on-street public performances of the band which will (i) allow the band to resume operations following the pandemic and (ii) to generate community pride. Funding will be allocated for equipment/material purchase only.	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€1,273.50
11	KASI< CLG. - Killarney Immigrant Support Centre	Killarney	Develop a 'Wild Garden' in the Community Garden to attract more wildlife	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	€1,300.00
12	Killarney 4th July Festival	Killarney	To fund the making of a virtual video production to promote the festival for 2022	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€300.00
13	Killarney Cardiac Response Unit	Killarney	Expansion of services to initially Beaufort and Firies and support the upgrade of public access AED in Killarney, Beaufort and Firies. The grant has been divided between the three MD'S. The Countywide funding element is to support Kerry CFR Link, an initiative that brings together CFR and AED groups within the County with aims of supporting and developing this scheme. Funding will be used to purchase portable manikin packs x 2 to support rollout of the CPR superhero and school programme.	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€2,800.00

14	Killarney Celtic Football Club	Killarney	Assist with the enhancement of Green area & hedging in community area	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€1,800.00
15	Killarney London Reunion Committee	Killarney	To fund the printing of a special Commemorative Booklet for the Killarney London Reunion which is to be hosted in Killarney in 2021 for the first time ever. This event maintains the links between Killarney area and the people originally from Killarney who now reside in London.	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€2,000.00
16	Killarney Men's Shed	Killarney	Host a re-opening event in later Summer with the view of bringing old members back in and inviting new members to join the group (subject to public health advice)	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€500.00
17	Killarney Town Twinning and Sister Cities Association	Killarney	To fund the purchase of presentation gifts for visiting dignitaries.	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€1,500.00
18	Killarney Water Rescue	Killarney	Purchase of additional VHF Radios to enable effective communication with other Emergency Services.	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€652.00
19	Purple Flag	Killarney	To fund Killarney Purple Flag Initiatives in order to retain Killarney's purple flag status	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€1,000.00
20	Rotary Club Of Killarney	Killarney	Completion of landscaping projection, in association with Killarney Tidy Towns Group, in car park area of new graveyard at Knockeendubh, Killarney.	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	€3,000.00
		Killarney Total			€30,625.50
21	Rathmore Community Council	Rathmore	(i) Purchase of materials for repair of flat roof of Community Office (ii) Materials for construction of Bug Hotel (iii) Materials for the replacement of dangerous fencing and painting fence/wall in Community playground (iv) contribution towards purchase of lawnmower (v) painting of walls in community areas which has not been done in many years	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives & Amenity Projects	€4,800.00

		Rathmore Total			€4,800.00
22	Cork Kerry Link bus (Kerry Cancer Support Trust Clg)	Countywide	Transport bus for patients availing of Cancer Treatment Service.	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€1,593.00
23	Kerry International Film Festival	Countywide	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.	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	€1,593.00
24	Kingdom Pride in Kerry	Countywide	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.	Rebuilding & Reconnecting Communities	€265.50
		Countywide Total			€3,451.50

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney thanked Ms. N. O'Sullivan, Mr. B. Teahan and the staff in the Community Department for their work in assessing the applications. She noted that the majority of these groups were run by voluntary people. These people work to enhance their communities without payment and she noted that they should be provided with every assistance possible. The Cathaoirleach referred to the Cork / Kerry Link Bus which provides an invaluable service to people undergoing cancer treatment and welcomed that it would receive funding. She noted that the Irish Sheepdog Trials would be taking place for the first time in Kerry and it was important to support this event. The Cathaoirleach referred to the Killarney Twinning Association who undertake tremendous work to bring visitors to the town. She said she was delighted that every organisation that applied under the CSF received some funding. She advised that people could also make applications under the Community Enhancement Scheme for additional funds.

Cllr. N. Kelleher commended the Community Department for all the work undertaken in evaluating the applications. He noted that due to Covid, many events were not going ahead and these groups would have previously applied for CSF funding. He hoped that Christmas in Killarney and the Sheepdog Trials would go ahead this year. Cllr. Kelleher referred to Clann Housing's application and asked was the application submitted on behalf of the residents' group or the people running the organisation. He noted the group were doing good work, however, he stated that Clann needed to deal with the issues, as the landlord, that have been ongoing for a long time.

Cllr. B. Cronin noted that this was an important day across the County and particularly, for the Municipal District. The Community Support Fund initiative was brought together by Members of Kerry County Council in an effort to assist volunteer groups across the Municipal Districts. He said he was glad to see that no group had been refused funding and that some groups had received close to what they applied for. In particular, Cllr. Cronin made reference to the Cork / Kerry Link Bus which provides a hugely important service in the County. Another notable group was the Killarney Cardiac Response Unit who provide a life-saving service and is hugely important to the area. Cllr. Cronin referred to the Sheepdog Trials and was delighted that the Council were in a position to assist with same on their first visit to Killarney. He stated that the CSF provided critical funding to volunteers and he was glad to be part of that process.

Cllr. M. Healy-Rae thanked Ms. N. O'Sullivan and staff for their assessment of the applications. She welcomed that each group that applied for a grant had been successful. Cllr. Healy-Rae paid tribute to the groups that applied for funding and said that communities would not be the same without these people who work long, unsociable hours to improve their communities.

Cllr. D. Grady thanked Ms. A. McAllen, Ms. N. O'Sullivan, Mr. B. Teahan and staff who had compiled the list. He noted that most groups would be pleased with their allocation. Cllr. Grady referred to the Cork / Kerry Link Bus and said that it was important to provide funding to this vital service. He also referred to Killarney Water Rescue and said that this group provided a very important service to the public. Cllr. Grady also highlighted groups such as the Killarney London Reunion Committee, the National Sheepdog Trials, Killarney Looking Good, Ballydribeen Residents'

Association, the Gleneagle Concert Band and the Cardiac Response Unit and said that any support we could give these groups would be very welcome.

Cllr. J. O'Donoghue thanked Ms. N. O'Sullivan and her team on their efforts in assessing the applications. He noted that most groups received close to what they had applied for. He stated that volunteers were undertaking vital work in their communities. Cllr. O'Donoghue welcomed the spread of groups in such a diverse geographical area. He referred, in particular, to the Cork / Kerry Link Bus who undertake superb work serving the whole community and County and welcomed their funding and also, the Killarney Cardiac Response Group who visit schools and it was great to see that they were expanding into other areas of the County. Cllr. O'Donoghue referred to Killarney Water Rescue. He said that the Lockdown has given people a greater appreciation of where they live so this is more relevant now than before.

Cllr. N. O'Callaghan said he was disappointed at the proposed allocation to Killarney Town Twinning and Sister Cities Association. He said this Association is of huge importance to the Town of Killarney who ensure that Killarney is marketed and they are responsible for the many people who visit Killarney. Cllr. O'Callaghan also asked for assurances that all money that is allocated to groups is spent correctly.

Cathaoirleach M. Moloney said that once money is allocated to a group, Members never hear if any issues arise with groups and if the funding cannot be allocated. She asked if there was money left in reserve.

Ms. N. O'Sullivan confirmed that all funding paid out is based on the receipt of vouched expenses. Groups co-operate with the Community Department throughout the year in relation to their projects. The Council pays the grant as per what was agreed in the application. Some groups spend their money immediately and some over time but she reiterated all funding was based on vouched receipts. Ms. O'Sullivan stated that the Council has regular communication with applicants from the Killarney Municipal District and advised that if any group had concerns, they could contact her directly.

Ms. E. O'Donoghue confirmed that if a balance remains on a previous allocation, the Council would have ongoing communication with that group.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. B. Cronin, SECONDED by Cllr. M. Healy-Rae, it was agreed to approve the allocations from the 2021 Community Support Fund for the Municipal District of Killarney as outlined in the report circulated.

The meeting concluded at 2.55pm.

Pádraig Corkery
Meetings Administrator

Cllr. M. Moloney
Cathaoirleach of Killarney MD