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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF TRALEE HELD VIA MS TEAMS, ON WEDNESDAY, 14TH JULY

MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE SPEISIALTA DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH TRÁ LÍ A THIONÓLADH AR LINE TRÍ FHOIRNE MS, AR DÉ CÉADAOIN, 14Ú IÚIL

PRESENT/I LÁTHAIR

Councillors/Comhairleoirí

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

In attendance/ Ag Freastal

Mr. J. Breen	**Delegated Acting Executive Tralee Municipal District**
Mr. J. Foley	**Municipal District Officer**
Mr. C. Nagle	**S.E.E. Tralee Municipal District**
Ms. P. Corkery	**Meetings Administrator**
Ms. N O'Sullivan	**S.E.O. Economic and Community Department**
Ms. M. Mullane	**S.O. Economic and Community Department**
Ms. N. Diggins	**A.S.O. Tourism Development & Built Infrastructure**
Ms. T. Kelly	**C.S.O. Tourism Development & Built Infrastructure**
Ms. M. C. Sweeney	**A.S.O. Corporate Services**

The meeting commenced at 9.45am.

Mayor J. Wall took the Chair.

Mayor J. Wall advised that the Community Support Funding was very important for community-based groups who work tirelessly within their communities.

21.07.14.01: 2021 Community Support Fund for Tralee 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 36 applications had been received in the Tralee Municipal District. Of the 36 applications, 24 are recommended for approval in the Tralee 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. 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 Tralee Municipal District is €60,628.00

Ms. J. Foley stated that the Tralee Municipal District are delighted to be able to allocate to a significant number of groups and to see that so many new groups had applied for funding in 2021. Tralee Municipal District encourages any new community group to get in touch, apply for any available grants or seek help and information. There are a diverse range of projects for approval under this year's allocations. Spa Tidy Towns group, only set up last year, have entered a National Competition and are playing a pivotal role in the community in terms of the Tralee – Fenit Greenway. Tralee Municipal District looks forward to working with all of these groups throughout the coming year.

CSF 2021 Approved Funding Tralee MD - Meeting 14th July, 2021

No.	Name of Applicant Group	Area	Category	Project Description	Approved Amount
1	Ardfert Community Council	Ardfert	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Improvement works to the area surrounding the newly built Ardfert Recreation Centre to further develop this multi-purpose amenity for the community.	€1,100.00
2	Hazel Grove Residents Committee	Ardfert	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Improve the two large green areas of the estate by purchasing 1) native Irish trees 2) a composite or natural slate bench 3) paint and painting tools for the wall in the common area.	€1,500.00
		Ardfert Total			€2,600.00
3	Fenit Development Association	Fenit	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Procurement of a photographer to capture images and videos of the sand dunes leading onto Fenit Island, to complete a visual survey of the area.	€500.00
4	Fenit Town Hall	Fenit	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Reinstate a three-panel informational sign about St. Brendan in Fenit.	€4,000.00
5	Friends Of Tralee-Fenit Greenway	Fenit	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Continue the development of a Community Heritage Orchard, Soft Fruit Garden and Nuttery along the Fenit Greenway, to provide an example of how growing food can be introduced back into the urban landscape and increase local food security. In addition, the purchase of plants for an Ecological Corridor Biodiversity Nature Walk and a Biodiversity & Orchard Maintenance event in conjunction with Transition Kerry.	€800.00

		Fenit Total			€5,300.00
6	The Spa Tidy Village Group	Spa	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Create an amenity garden linking the Blueway with the Greenway, by installing seating or picnic benches and planting biodiverse shrubs and flowers. And creating a space for a farmer's market in another area.	€2,400.00
		Spa Total			€2,400.00
7	(Kerry Women's Resource Centre C.L.G) trading as Phoenix Women's Centre	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Engagement of the technical expertise to catalogue entries to the previously held competition "Woman's Eye – the Beauty of the Kingdom as Captured by the Women of Kerry" to create a virtual exhibition/gallery that would be easily accessed and viewer friendly, to include production of a slideshow on a video with background music.	€840.00
8	Carrigeendaniel Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Employ a local arborist to replace dead trees, plant permanent native shrubs on ditches and in vacant corners and carry out professional arboreal pruning and shaping of existing mature tree stock, in November 2021.	€2,400.00
9	Cúil Fuine Residents Committee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Continue the replacement of trees that died due to extreme weather conditions and storms over the last number of years and commence the planting of a robust hedge along the boundary at the front of the estate to provide screening from the road and improve the overall appearance of the estate and improve security.	€1,100.00

10	Féile na mBláth Committee	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Develop and promote the Féile na mBláth Festival 2021 Programme of Events (in line with public health advice*).	€18,123.00
11	FoodShare Kerry	Tralee	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Creation of the WellShare online platform to provide accessible and free online classes, information and speakers to cover a range of development topics from food waste management, exercise, financial planning, personal development, healthy eating, cooking demos and mindfulness tools.	€1,500.00
12	Friends of ABLE (Plants)	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchase plants to continue to look after the green areas, major flowerbeds and flower pots around Tralee and in its estates. Works include planting, pruning, strimming, litter runs, weeding and painting costs.	€3,000.00
13	Glan Tralee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Engage facilitator for guided seasonal biodiversity walks in Tralee Town Park, for students and teachers. Also, production of a webinar on bird habitats in Tralee.	€1,200.00
14	Kerins Park Residences Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Compost, plants and sleepers for flower beds and biodiversity project.	€1,200.00
15	Kerry Diocesan Youth Service (KDYS)	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Enhance the under utilised outdoor space by creating a Biodiversity Garden with Sensory features, to provide a safe and welcoming space for the wider community of Tralee. The project will provide opportunity to teach and explain biodiversity, climate change, and other nature-related topics.	€1,300.00

16	Killeen Woods Residents Association	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Install fencing and hedging to create a barrier to allow the kids of the estate to play safely.	€3,500.00
17	Manor Village Residents Committee	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Improve three existing beehives and plant shrubs and flowers to attract butterflies and bees.	€500.00
18	National Circus Festival Ireland	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Engage professional services to undertake the creation, delivery and implementation of several strategic policies and plans including commissioning, public and local engagement, marketing, fundraising and sustainability strategies to further augment and maximise the abilities of the Festival.	€5,000.00
19	nonfaction (Original Sounds in Original Places)	Tralee	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Programming and production of five arts and cultural events in an events series "Original sounds in original spaces" (working title) in unique and historic buildings within the Tralee MD area.	€1,500.00
20	Rahoonane Community Centre	~~Tralee~~	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Purchase screens and a projector for a series of weekend family friendly film events on the lawn ~~in the Centre grounds. And also, for use at~~ indoor/outdoor training, meetings, demonstrations, etc.	~~€1,500.00~~
21	St. Brendans Park Residents Assoc.	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Replace four large flower boxes damaged due to weather and old age and replant four tubs with bee friendly shrubs and plants.	€500.00
22	Tralee Community Garden Project	Tralee	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Materials and supplies to run the public participation integration fully inclusive sessions and promote initiatives to enthuse people to become proactive in enacting aspects of the World Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).	€1,600.00

23	Tralee Tidy Towns	Tralee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Create new shrub beds. Work in conjunction with Tralee MD in identifying key locations for upgrading.	€2,000.00
		Tralee Total			€46,763.00
24	Cork Kerry Link Bus (Kerry Cancer Support Trust Clg)	Countywide	Rebuilding and Reconnecting Communities	Transport bus for patients availing of Cancer Treatment Service. Yearly funding approved.	€1,645.20
25	Kerry International Film Festival	Countywide	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	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.	€1,645.20
26	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.	€274.20
		Countywide Total			€3,564.60

Mayor J. Wall thanked and congratulated both Ms. J. Foley and Ms. N. O' Sullivan and stated that it was not an easy task deciding on allocations.

Cllr. S. Locke welcomed the funding and wished to concur with the comments expressed by the previous speakers adding that he welcomed new groups and new initiatives.

Cllr. C. Foley welcomed the funding and wished to concur with the comments expressed by the previous speakers adding that Residents Associations in particular need help. They are always very active groups who carry out a considerable body of works in their respective communities every year.

Cllr. T. O' Brien thanked the staff of the Community Department and the Tralee Municipal District and added that he was delighted to see so many groups allocated funding under this funding stream which would be hugely beneficial to them.

Cllr. M. Sheehy welcomed the document and wished to concur with the previous comments. He welcomed the allocation for the Cork-Kerry Link bus as it is such an important service which has continued to operate throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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 adding that many of the groups rely heavily on this funding in order to aid the works they carry out in their communities.

Mr. J. Breen stated that the Community Support Fund is a way for the Council to give back to the community and he thanked these groups for their continued support and hard work throughout the year. It is only made possible by making difficult decision e.g. Local Property Tax. This makes monies available through the Community Support Fund and other projects.

Mr. J. Breen conveyed his thanks to Ms. J. Foley and Ms. N. O' Sullivan and their teams.

On the **PROPOSAL** of **Cllr. S. Locke** and **SECONDED** by **Cllr. D. Ferris** it was agreed to approve the allocations from the 2021 Community Support Fund for the Municipal District of Tralee as circulated.

The meeting concluded at 10:15am.

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Mr. Pádraig Corkery	**Cllr. Johnnie Wall**
Meetings Administrator	**Mayor of the Municipal District of Tralee**