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**MIONTUAIRISCÍ NA CRUINNITHE SPEISIALTA DE COMHAIRLE CHEANTAR
BARDASACH CHIARRAI THAR AGUS THEAS A THIONÓLADH I SEOMRA NA
COMHAIRLE, ÁRAS AN CHONTAE, TRÁ LÍ, AR AN hAOINE 26ú FEABHRA, 2018,**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF SOUTH AND WEST
KERRY HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY BUILDINGS, TRALEE, ON MONDAY
26TH FEBRUARY 2018.**

Present/I Láthair: Cllr. M Cahill
Cllr. S Fitzgerald
Cllr. D McCarthy
Cllr. N. Moriarty
Cllr. M O'Shea
Cllr J Healy-Rae
Cllr P Connor Scarteen
Cllr D Quigg

Absent/As Láthair: Cllr J. F. Flynn

In Attendance/Ag Freastal: Mr. M OqDonoghue, Delegated Executive for the MD
Ms. B Conway, Meetings Administrator
Ms. N OqSullivan S.E.O. Economic & Community
Development
Ms. S Griffin Municipal District Officer
Ms. H Switzer A.O. Community Economic & Community
Development
Mr. P Teahan S.E.E.
Ms. M OqHanlon A.S.O Economic & Community
Development.
Ms. C Fitzgerald, A.S.O. Corporate Affairs
Mr. T Taggart C.O. Economic & Community Development

The meeting commenced at 16.30 p.m.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald took the chair.

26.02.18.01: 2017 Community Support Fund Allocation for South & West Municipal District.

Ms N OqSullivan stated that the Economic & Community Development Department received a total of 101 applications for the South & West Municipal District of which 84 were recommended for funding, 3 of which included a countywide application. The level of applications was very high and subsequently over subscribed. She proceeded to brief the members on the following report which was circulated.

	Applicant Group	Area	Category	Project Description	Approved Funding €
1	Dingle Business Chamber	An Daingean	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Various Events in Dec 2018. Promote Christmas and New Years Eve Festivities in Dingle. Funding will go towards Christmas lights, New Years Eve Fireworks & promotion of Dingle for Dec 2018. Commencing with the Feile na Saoile parade of light.	€3,500.00
2	Dingle New Music Choir & Orchestra	An Daingean	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 25-27 May 2018. Choral Weekend. Group is a Community Choir & Orchestra. Grant necessary to organise a 3 Day Event in Dingle. The grant will be used to invite choirs, rent concert venue, organise workshops, promote the festival.	€500.00
3	Dingle Peninsula Tourism Alliance	An Daingean	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Funding will be used to promote the peninsula through Social Media to develop valuable promotional content for the upgrade of the website - www.dingle-peninsula.ie	€1,000.00
4	Dingle Scout Group 7th Kerry	An Daingean	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	A grant would help the group keep existing member and recruit new members by offering exciting adventure for both young members and adult members (flags, printed leaflets, advertising, give-away items, popcorn machine, helium for balloons).	€500.00

5	Féile na Bealtaine	An Daingean	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 6th May, 2018. Annual Street Theatre Parade which takes place during Féile na Bealtaine.	€2,000.00
6	Kerry Camino	An Daingean	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Contribution to printing brochures and installation of signs, to promote and improve the visitor experience of the Kerry Camino, from Tralee to Dingle.	€250.00
		An Daingean Total			€7,750.00
7	Annascaul Adventures	Annascaul	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Events ongoing. Funding required for professional speakers for biodiversity and heritage week. Also advertising, rent of premises. Development of a 3rd map of Annascaul Ringforts to include a booklet of the ringforts.	€500.00
8	Annascaul Singing Club	Annascaul	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Group has devised a programme of events involving thirteen acts and several voluntary community music groups. Funding to pay professional artists involved and to make donations to community groups. Also ancillary expenses e.g. publicity & PR. Funding is needed to meet costs which will result in the delivery of a range of quality events and workshops.	€500.00
		Annascaul Total			€1,000.00
9	Coiste Féile an Phráta	Baile na nGall	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event: July 2018. Féile an Phráta/Potato Festival Event. A local unique event.	€500.00
		Baile na nGall Total			€500.00

10	Ballinskelligs Tidy Towns	Ballinskelligs	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Pier Area in Ballinskelligs Wild Atlantic Way Discovery Point - plans clean up of area and make it accessible to tourists and locals. Initially group want to create a panel showing the area as it is presently and another showing how group envisage it will look when completed. Project in total will take a number of years.	€500.00
11	Coiste Forbartha na Sceilge	Ballinskelligs	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 28th-30th Sept, 2018. Pattern Day in Ballinskelligs - major historical and cultural photographic exhibition.	€500.00
		Ballinskelligs Total			€1,000.00
12	Beaufort Community Council	Beaufort	Growing & Sustaining Communities	To complete remaining works in the "barracks" and for benefit of the greater community spanning across all age groups. Flooring, painting, kitchenette, carpentry, bathroom, new suite, plumbing & associated works.	€500.00
13	Beaufort Tidy Towns	Beaufort	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Funding will be used to erect 3 standard information signs in the parish as part of a 3 year plan to erect 8 signs in total. The signs will highlight historical, geographic, folklore and cultural aspect of our area for all.	€500.00
14	St. Mary of the Angels	Beaufort	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Enhance the environment of people with special needs. Project in conjunction with Local Development Company (SKDP/RSS Scheme).	€2,000.00
		Beaufort Total			€3,000.00
15	Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh Teo	Brandon	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 18/05/18 to 20/05/18. Mindful Living Festival.	€500.00

16	Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh Teo	Brandon	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 31/03/18 to 02/04/18 Féile Sléibhteoireachta agus Ceoil 2018. This funding is sought to promote the festival to attract more National & International tourists to the community of cloghane, Brandon - Hillwalking Tourism is a vital source of revenue for the community.	€500.00
17	Comharchumann Forbartha an Leith Triúigh Teo	Brandon	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Fold up tables and fire exit doors to support events and festivals held in Halla Le Chéile.	€1,000.00
		Brandon Total			€2,000.00
18	Acard Ltd	Caherciveen	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	To produce a brochure that will help visitors get around and let them know what is going on in the area	€500.00
19	Caherciveen Festival of Music & Arts	Caherciveen	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 3-5 Aug 2018. Festival costs.	€2,500.00
20	Caherciveen Mens Shed Ltd	Caherciveen	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Cooking facilities. Cooker Hood Kitchen. Stainless steel backsplash & 2 dust extractors & fittings. By providing facilities our shed members benefit.	€500.00
		Caherciveen Total			€3,500.00
21	Daniel O'Connell Summer School	Caherdaniel	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 30 Aug-2 Sept 2018. Annual event. Marquee to host the summer school.	€800.00
		Caherdaniel Total			€800.00

22	Castlegregory Celtic FC	Castlegregory	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 14th July, 2018. Brandon Bay HM/10k event - running event. Ireland's only All Beach 10K event. 400 plus participants annually from various countries e.g. China, Canada, USA. Coincides with Summer Festival.	€500.00
23	Castlegregory Community Council	Castlegregory	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Heritage Map of Caslegregory Village showing the great number of historic buildings, some of which no longer exist.	€800.00
24	Castlegregory Community Games	Castlegregory	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Provide children in the area with an opportunity to try/participate in Athletics training sessions, organise a sports day with athletics activities. Introduce running & organise a follow up 'Try a new sport/Community Games Activity	€500.00
25	Castlegregory Race Committee	Castlegregory	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	On Stradbally beach. Event Date: 17th June, 2018. Voluntary committee set up to re-establish a race meeting for horses & ponies that has not been held in 50 years. The group would like to make this a yearly event to promote sport & community events. Grant would be used to establish, promote & run this event.	€500.00
26	Castlegregroy Ladies Gaelic Football	Castlegregory	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Castlegregory Football Club is a small club in Rural Kerry that endeavours to promote the participation of ladies young and old in team sport and promote wellbeing. Fund our 'Mothers & Others' Initiative. Group looking to attract mothers and ladies especially those over 55. Emphasis also on social inclusion aspect.	€500.00
27	Maharees Conservation Association CLG	Castlegregory	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Heritage Trail Map Brochure & Wildlife Brochure. This grant will leverage existing heritage-based interpretive signage and will increase visitors and residents awareness of and appreciation of the biodiversity of the Maharees sand dune habitat as a means of encouraging sustainable tourism on the Maharees Peninsula.	€800.00

28	Stradbally Community Group	Castlegregory	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Construction of a public bus shelter for benefit of local community and visiting tourists.	€500.00
		Castlegregory Total			€4,100.00
29	Castlemaine Events Committee	Castlemaine	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 17th March, 2018. St. Patrick's Day Parade.	€500.00
30	Castlemaine Tidy Towns Committee	Castlemaine	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Upkeep & improvement of our village. Flowers, plants, paint, maintaining the garden of remembrance at the Quay, landscaping & maintenance of Holy Well.	€500.00
31	KC Mens Shed	Castlemaine	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	To establish a rainwater harvest system for our new poly-tunnel, develop the poly-tunnel internally (empty shell), develop six allotments, purchase some tools and wood to make a shed/pathways and provide a workshop/training sessions to upskill. Existing and new members interested in growing vegetables or flowers.	€500.00
32	Keel Community Council	Castlemaine	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Ref: Strip of flower beds created by Kerry County Council are currently empty and need to be filled with top soil and planted out - funding required to source material.	€500.00
33	Keel GAA Club	Castlemaine	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Funding for lighting on track so it can be used at night, and also outdoor gym equipment to complete the track project.	€1,500.00
		Castlemaine Total			€3,500.00

34	Cromane Ladies Gaelic Football Club	Cromane	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Anti-bullying talks & social media safety element. Consultation on future direction and targeting more participation. Girls from Glenbeigh, Beaufort & Killorglin are involved in this Club also.	€500.00
		Cromane Total			€500.00
35	Glenbeigh Community Council	Glenbeigh	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Involvement with tidy Towns Initiative and as part of this has an ongoing regime of seasonal planting and floral enhancement of the village and its environs. Intended plant boxes would be replaced.	€500.00
36	Glenbeigh Falcons Basketball Club	Glenbeigh	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	New playing gear for the U18 boys and girls. Group encourages participation by the Parish and surrounding areas.	€500.00
		Glenbeigh Total			€1,000.00
37	Inch Community Council	Inch	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Plan for the development of Inch area. The entire community will benefit from this study as the plan is to address identified needs of all age groups in a planned organised and structured manner. New Project.	€500.00
		Inch Total			€500.00

38	Inter FC Kenmare	Kenmare	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Soccer Club. Setting up a Football for All Programme in 2018. All inclusive programme in a friendly environment. This programme is aimed at giving the opportunity to people who would not ordinarily get the chance to play soccer. This project will increase participation in the club of children who may not fit in with the competitive nature of a football club. Have members from Age 5 to Seniors and Disability.	€500.00
39	Kenmare Athletics Club	Kenmare	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 31st March, 2018, on Easter Saturday. 3 routes with different levels. Annual Running Event called Bridge Run by Kenmare Athletics Club. Growing event targets all abilities and attracts visitors for the weekend.	€500.00
40	Kenmare Tidy Towns	Kenmare	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Wood Sculpture on main road to show Kenmare is by the sea.	€500.00
41	KMEG - Kenmare Marketing & Events Group	Kenmare	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 1-16th Dec 2018. Nollaig Neidin Festival (Christmas festival Kenmare)	€2,000.00
42	KMEG - Kenmare Marketing & Events Group	Kenmare	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 27th Oct - 3 Nov 2018. Halloween Howl Festival.	€500.00
43	KMEG - Kenmare Marketing & Events Group	Kenmare	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Continue to develop the Gig Rig used for many events run throughout the year.	€500.00
		Kenmare Total			€4,500.00

44	Kilgarvan St Patrick's Day Festival Group	Kilgarvan	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 17th March, 2018. St. Patrick's Day Parade.	€500.00
45	Kilgarvan Tidy Towns	Kilgarvan	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Improve the appearance of the streetscape to benefit residents, tourists & communities passing through the village	€500.00
46	Roughy Valley Vintage Club	Kilgarvan	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 3 June 2018. Vintage Fair. Free Family Fun Day.	€500.00
		Kilgarvan Total			€1,500.00
47	An Bhainseach Estate Ltd	Killorglin	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Amenity park in Estate used by children and young children in the area for sport & recreation. Support nets needed to ensure safety and security for the children inside the park. Also the net is needed to ensure safety for people and property outside the park. New Project.	€500.00
48	Biddy's Day - Imbolc	Killorglin	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	St Bridget is honoured every year in the mid-Kerry region with Biddy groups visiting rural and public house. An unique festival has been created to celebrate the Biddy tradition and includes a parade. Numerous workshops and events for children, traditional Irish music & dancing.	€500.00
49	KFest	Killorglin	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 1st-4th June, 2018. Continued viability & sustainability of the festival. Emerging Artists are showcased and the town is used as the exhibition backdrop.	€2,000.00

50	Killorglin Chamber Alliance	Killorglin	Community Economic Innovation	Grant to create alumni of business men and women, financiers, entrepreneurs and anyone who feels a strong connection to the local area. The grant is to facilitate the advancement of business and foreign investment in the Killorglin area. To help create an organisation and a brand that people can connect with. New project.	€3,000.00
51	Killorglin Cycling Club	Killorglin	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 30th March to 2nd April 2018. To market Kerry Group Ras Mumhan in order to attract more cyclists and spectators. Killorglin Cycling Club promotes cycling as a lifetime leisure and sporting activity for all ages and genders.	€500.00
52	Killorglin Rowing Club	Killorglin	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Purchase of outdoor marquees, outdoor benches, tables and chairs to cater for large numbers attending annual events throughout the year. Hundreds attend events each year.	€500.00
53	Killorglin St. Patrick's Day Events Committee	Killorglin	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 17th March, 2018. St. Patrick's Day Parade.	€500.00
54	Killorglin Tidy Towns	Killorglin	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Killorglin Heritage Trail. Plaques, design & print of brochures.	€500.00
55	Mid Kerry Cruisers Cycling Club	Killorglin	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	To acquire turbo trainer which will be available for future. Meets target group older people. This grant will be used to encourage more participation in physical activity in community through cycling, especially during the winter months when the elements force group to move indoors. Turbo Training will allow group to continue cycling. new project.	€500.00

56	Puck Fair	Killorglin	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 10-12 August, 2018. Puck Fair Festival. Funding towards improved street lighting.	€1,500.00
57	Woman 2000	Killorglin	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Exercise programmes for benefit of physical and mental health: (1) 6 week course aqua aerobics (2) 8 Week Dancing 'Young at Heart' (3) 5 Aerobic 'Nifty after 50'	€500.00
		Killorglin Total			€10,500.00
58	Lauragh Community Council	Lauragh	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Setting up Community Council Website as part of ongoing 'Love Lauragh' campaign. This website will be aimed at visitors and residents and will provide information about events being held within the community, facilities and amenities in Lauragh and the Lauragh area with the objective of encouraging rural tourism within the district. The website will be an 8 page wordpress website with details of locations, places to explore, to stay, eat, information about the community and general amenities and history of the area. There will be a text to speech facility.	€1,000.00
		Lauragh Total			€1,000.00
59	Forbairt na Dromoda Teo	Maistir Gaoithe	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Erection of a quality information sign at main entrance to Ionad na Dromoda and needs to make a statement regarding the facilities and services provided in the centre.	€395.00
		Maistir Gaoithe Total			€395.00
60	Ard na Greine Residents Association	Milltown	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event: 31st March, 2018. Community Based Event in this housing estate to promote community spirit. Community Fun Day.	€500.00

61	Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 2018 (Milltown)	Milltown	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Funding to significantly expand the entertainment programme at Fleadh Cheoil Chiarraí 2018 being held in Milltown.	€4,657.00
62	Grow Ourselves Allotments & Community Garden	Milltown	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Further development of Allotment site (Materials, equipment).	€500.00
63	Milltown Scouts 3rd Kerry	Milltown	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Scout Leaders Training. Waiting list for children to join and Scout Leaders needed.	€500.00
64	Milltown St. Patrick's Day Parade	Milltown	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 17th March, 2018. St. Patrick's Day Parade.	€500.00
65	Milltown Tidy Town & Chamber of Alliance	Milltown	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	This funding will be used to enhance our Town Square. We propose to erect benches, local information signs and bedding areas to create a public space that can be enjoyed by all the community.	€500.00
66	Milltown Tourism & Heritage Group	Milltown	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 9th December, 2018. The grant will be used to grow our Christmas in Milltown event. This funding is specifically for a crib we intend to erect within the town.	€500.00
67	Milltown/Listry Ladies Football Club	Milltown	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Benefit girls (U12s, U14s, U16s & senior ladies.) enormously in providing equipment. Aim is to anchor the club, make it viable and continue to see it grow. Ongoing project. Grant for equipment, training, referee fees, jerseys etc.	€500.00
		Milltown Total			€8,157.00

68	Portmagee First Responders Group/Portmagee Community Centre	Portmagee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Purchase of a AEDs (Defibrillator) for Portmagee Village and surrounding areas.	€500.00
69	Portmagee Rowing Club	Portmagee	Community Sport and Physical Activity Programmes	Purchase of new concept rowing machine. Some machines are beyond repair and need replacing. Majority of Rowing Club is made up of girls who range in age from 10-20 years.	€500.00
70	Portmagee Walking Group	Portmagee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Purchase of benches and picnic tables for the Loop Walk.	€500.00
71	Skellig Rangers GAA Club	Portmagee	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	New Shrubs to be planted to entrance to facilities & display a notice board which will promote activities in the area. Recently new wall has been built and this work is to landscape outside of this.	€500.00
		Portmagee Total			€2,000.00
72	Blackwater Womens Group	Sneem	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Stage lighting & control function for Drama Group.	€1,000.00
73	Sneem Community Centre	Sneem	Growing & Sustaining Communities	1. To enhance the appearance & appeal of the centre by way of decorating the walls with attractive murals as a project to encourage youth involvement. 2. Sporting Element: Transform building into an attractive wet weather activity centre 3. Install a functional kitchen.	€1,250.00

74	Sneem Mens Shed	Sneem	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Refurbishment and conversion of rooms this will allow the membership to continue along with work in the community.	€500.00
		Sneem Total			€2,750.00
75	Cracow Park & Playground	Valentia	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Wishing seat in the park for children, backdrop behind seat with explanation of wishing seat & picture of Valentia Island & Rainbow.	€500.00
76	Knightstown Tidy Towns	Valentia	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	New Project. To create a seven housed fairy village for children in the public park Knightstown. All items will be handcrafted.	€500.00
77	Valentia Sports, Gym & Community Centre	Valentia	Growing & Sustaining Communities	Staff training at this community facility in order that staff can advise users on fitness and nutrition and devising programs to meet their needs. Gym would be more viable and sustainable.	€500.00
		Valentia Total			€1,500.00
78	Éigse na Brídeoige	Waterville	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Funding to run Éigse event. 5 Gaeltacht communities in South Kerry involved in this cultural festival with an event in each community over the course of a weekend. Event to commemorate 1st Feb and coming of spring. Cultural event.	€1,000.00
79	Integrated Resource Centre (IRD)	Waterville	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 4-6 October 2018. Iveragh Learning Landscapes weekend of talks, walks and workshops encompassing local natural and built heritage, outdoor education, land stewardship and well-being.	€1,000.00

80	The Amergin Solstice Poetry Gathering	Waterville	Community Based Tourism, Festivals and Events	Event Date: 20-23 June 2018 New Event - Poetry Festival during time of Solstice Mid Summer Festival.	€500.00
81	Waterville Tidy Towns	Waterville	Community Tidy Towns Initiatives and Amenity Projects	Maintaining overall standards achieved in terms of overall Tidy Towns competition. Group wishes to focus on the development of Community Garden spaces and develop a picnic and floral meadow in the village.	€500.00
		Waterville Total			€3,000.00
		Grand Total			€64,452.00

Mr. M O'Donoghue stated that the Community Support Fund has become a very important source of funding for communities throughout the county and in particular a vital means to co-fund the larger projects within this Municipal District. He thanked the members for their continued support.

Cathaoirleach S. Fitzgerald welcomed the funding and thanked the staff of the Economic & Community Department for assessing the applications and compiling this document. He welcomed the funding of the 3 county wide applications, The Cork-Kerry Link Bus, Go Kerry and Kerry Sustainable Energy. He stated that 84 groups are receiving funding throughout this Municipal District which will have a significant advantage to these communities. He thanked his colleagues for approving the document.

Cllr. M O'Shea welcomed the document and on behalf of the members wished to welcome Mr. T Taggart C.O. to the Economic & Community Development Department. He stated that the Community Support Fund is an excellent avenue of funding for many worthwhile projects through this Municipal District and in particular an excellent source of funding to part-fund the Capital Projects.

Cllr. M. Cahill stated that the Community Support fund is a fantastic scheme. It is a lifeline for many groups throughout the South & West Municipal District. He thanked the Economic & Community Development staff for the long hours they put into compiling the document and acknowledged that difficult decisions had to be made when accessing the applications. He noted where applications were refused funding, a detailed explanation was outlined to the applicants explaining why their applications were refused. He referred to the minimum allocation of " 500 and stated that where this may not be a significant amount of funding, it can be enough to keep a small community group operating, such as the St. Patrick's Day parade in smaller villages throughout this Municipal District. The K- Fest in Killorglin would not be operating on an annual basis without the support of the Community Support Fund. He welcomed the allocation to St. Mary of the Angels, Beaufort and the Fleadh Ceol, Milltown.

Cllr. P. Connor-Scarteen welcomed the document and stated that the funding was allocated very fairly and distributed evenly throughout the Municipal District. He said he believed that putting the applications into the different categories was a very good idea. The public have become very familiar with the process and now know what is deemed to be eligible. In conclusion he said it was unfortunate that additional funding was not available.

Cllr. N Moriarty welcomed the document and commended the staff of the Community Department in compiling this document. She acknowledged that accessing these applications involved a significant amount of work. She welcomed the introduction of the referrals category and stated that these particular groups will appreciate the referral. She referred to the co-funding Support of " 70,000 and stated this allocation will have an enormous benefit to the larger projects in this Municipal District.

Cllr. D Quigg wished to concur with the comments expressed by the previous speakers. He referred to the Community Support & Physical Activity Programmes category and stated that this funding will contribute towards combating obesity in young adults.

Cllr. J Healy-Rae welcomed the document and commended the staff on the work involved in administrating the Community Support Fund document. In smaller villages, many festivals would not advance, such as the Christmas in Kilgarvan and St. Patrick's Day Parades without the support of the Community Support Fund. He welcomed the allocation of funding for St. Mary of the Angels and stated that regardless of this facility being the responsibility of other semi state bodies, it is one of the most important facilities in this county.

Cllr. D. McCarthy welcomed the document and stated this is a very vital source of funding for many small community groups. He commended the staff of the Community Department on an excellent job. The extra funding allocated to the Fleadh Ceol will be a huge benefit to Milltown.

On the PROPOSAL of Cllr. S Fitzgerald SECONDED by Cllr M Cahill it was agreed to approve the allocations from the 2018 Community Support Fund for the Municipal District of South & West Kerry as outlined in the report circulated.

Mr. M O'Donoghue thanked the members for their kind words and also wished to acknowledge the work of the Community Department, in particular, Niamh O'Sullivan, Helena Switzer, Siobhan Griffin and Margaret O'Hanlon. The staff has done a fantastic job in compiling this document and offering advice to the various groups. They have met a number of challenges in compiling this document, but hard work has progressed this fund.

AOB

Date of the next South & West Municipal District Meeting

Mr. M O'Donoghue advised the members that the Draft Kenmare Casual Trading Bye-Laws and the Schedule of Municipal District Works Plan 2018 is due for consideration. A discussion took place regarding this matter and it was unanimously agreed that the date of the next meeting of the members of the Municipal District of South & West Kerry would be rescheduled to 27th March, 2018. The meeting will be held at the Area Service Centre Killorglin.

The meeting concluded at 4.40p.m.

Cllr. S. Fitzgerald

***Ms. B Conway
Meetings Administrator.***

