

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST HELD IN ÁRAS WILLIAM SMITH OBRIEN, NEWCASTLE WEST, CO. LIMERICK, ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2016, AT 10.30 A.M.**

**PRESENT IN THE CHAIR:** Councillor J. Sheahan, An Cathaoirleach.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillors Browne, Collins, Foley, Galvin and Scanlan.

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Director of Service Operations (Mr. G.Daly), Operations Manager, West and South Division (Mr. B. Kennedy), Chief Officer, Limerick Local Community Development Committee (Mr. S. O'Connor), Administrative Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. T. Knox). Senior Staff Officer, Newcastle West (Ms. M. Corbett), Clerical Officer, Corporate Services (Ms. D. O'Kelly).

**1. Social Development Directorate**

**Community Initiative Scheme 2016**

The Cathaoirleach welcomed the Chief Officer, Limerick Local Community Development Committee to the Meeting. The Chief Officer circulated report detailing the allocations made in 2015 and outlined the applications that had been received for funding for 2016. He stated that the purpose of the Meeting was to consider providing funding to the following:

- Abbeyfeale District Search and Rescue
- Abbeyfeale Community and Leisure.
- Glórach Theatre.
- West Limerick Community Radio.
- West Limerick Tourism.

The Director of Services, in response to Members, confirmed that the Executive would verify that each application met with the requisite criteria before allocating funds.

Following some discussion it was agreed that West Limerick Community Radio be contacted and asked to provide the following:

- Audited Accounts for 2015.
- List of Board Members and their respective titles for the previous 10 years.
- Confirmation of what the funding was required for in 2016.

Some Members sought clarification from the Chief Officer regarding the criteria for the Scheme.

Councillor Galvin proposed that funding be allocated as follows:

- Abbeyfeale District Search and Rescue €5,000.
- Abbeyfeale Community Leisure €2,000.
- Glorach Theatre €5,000.
- West Limerick Tourism €3,000.
- West Limerick Community Radio €2,000.

This was seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

It was noted that the budget for the Scheme was €20,000 leaving a surplus of €3,000.

Councillor Collins stated that he could not support this proposal in the absence of further information.

Councillor Sheahan proposed that the matter be deferred to the July Meeting for further consideration and this proposal was seconded by Councillor Collins.

The Director of Services stated that since the Scheme was to be brought to the Full Council Meeting scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 it would be too late to discuss the matter further at the Meeting of the District to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2016.

Councillor Browne proposed dividing the remaining €3,000 equally between the 5 applications. This proposal was seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

A lengthy discussion ensued and on the proposal of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Scanlan, it was proposed that the following allocations be made under the Community Initiative Scheme 2016.

- Abbeyfeale District Search and Rescue €5,600.
- Abbeyfeale Community Leisure €2,600.
- Glórach Theatre €5,600.
- West Limerick Tourism €3,600.
- West Limerick Community Radio €2,600.

As agreement was not reached the Meetings Administrator indicated that a Vote would be taken on the proposal which had been proposed by Councillor Browne and seconded by Councillor Scanlan.

The result of the voting was as follows:

**For:**

Councillors Browne, Foley, Galvin, Sheahan and Scanlan.

(5)

**Abstentions:**

Councillor Collins. (1)

The Meetings Administrator declared that the Motion to allocate funding under the Community Initiative Scheme 2016 was carried and it was also agreed that the matter would be brought to the Full Council for adoption.

**2. General Municipal Allocation**

The Director of Services stated that a further application had been received from Abbeyfeale Community and Leisure seeking further funding of €1,000 which would bring the total funding to €3,500. At the June Meeting of the District on the proposal of Councillor Browne and seconded by Councillor Foley it had been agreed to allocate €2,500. It was now proposed to increase this amount to €3,500. On the proposal of Councillor Browne, seconded by Councillor Galvin it was agreed to allocate an additional €1,000 to Abbeyfeale Community and Leisure.

A short discussion took place with regard to the Feasibility Study for Swimming Pool in Newcastle West. It was agreed that further discussion would take place after the Public Meeting which was scheduled for the following week.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cathaoirleach

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_