

19<sup>th</sup> January 2016

**To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council**

**Re: Adare Twinning Project**

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

Adare Community Council has set up a twinning arrangement with Buckow in Germany. The main objective of this twinning is a mutual desire to broaden respective horizons and to enhance the lives of both communities.

Following informal visits by the Mayor of Buckow to Adare in 2014, two members of Adare Community Council visited Buckow to coincide with their "Rose Festival" in June 2015 when they signed a Twinning Agreement with the Buckow Town Council. On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015, 12 business men visited Adare. A twinning sign at the outskirts of Adare was unveiled and Members of the Council attended this ceremony.

Adare Community Council has now sought assistance from the Council towards the cost of funding both the visit to Buckow and the visit from the delegation from Buckow.

The total cost incurred by Adare Community Council for these twinning activities was €995. It is recommended that the Council fund 50% of this expenditure.

Therefore the Council's approval for the provision of financial assistance in the amount of €497.50 towards the cost of this twinning initiative is required.

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