

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT TO DISCUSS THE 2019 COMMUNITY FUND APPLICATIONS HELD AT CARRIG HOUSE, COBH, ON MONDAY, 25TH MARCH, 2019**

**Present -** Councillors G. Keohane, P. O’Sullivan, C. Rasmussen, K. McCarthy, D. Ó’Cadhla, A. Barry and S. Sheppard.

**Officials Present:**

Mr. S. O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer  
Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer  
Ms. R. Ronayne, Cobh Municipal District

**Community Fund Allocations, 2019:**

P. Lynch circulated a document to the Members setting out his recommendations for allocation of the General Municipal Allocation of €208,000.00. He stated that 129 applications seeking a total allocation of €622,473 were received.

**Community Contract:**

P. Lynch stated that in line with previous years, he was recommending €10,000.00 to each of the main organisations working with the Council and €3,500.00 to smaller groups.

Cllr. Rasmussen requested that Cobh Tidy Towns be given more than €10,000 due to the enormous contribution it made towards tourism in Cobh. Cllr. P. O’Sullivan said Glanmire had looked for a grant to purchase a mower and was not getting a large enough allocation. Following discussion, it was agreed that these groups might be considered further for funds from the Town Development Fund or Pay Parking Dividend and the Tidy Town Groups, in general, be further examined in 2020.

**Capital Grants :**

P. Lynch stated that he was recommending the minimum grant of €10,000 to 5 organisations. Two groups were excluded as they had not shown that they were financially able to complete the project with a Grant from the Council.

**Residents Associations:**

P. Lynch stated that in 2019, estates representing 3066 houses applied and a total of €14,950.00 was being recommended. This allocation was in line with grants allocated in 2018.

**Amenity Grants :**

P. Lynch stated that [1] Groups which received funding for the past three years are excluded under the scheme [2] One organisation was excluded as it was funded by Central Government. [3] Two applications were received which were linked to a single project. One of the projects was being recommended which the second is being refused [4] Seven applications were submitted by organisation who also requested Community Contracts. All of those applications will be treated as part of the Community Contract application. [5] One application was submitted by an organisation who also applied for a Capital Grant. It was being recommended that the Capital Grant only be approved. [6] All Festival Requests were moved to the TDF folder. Requests of €66,285 moved to TDF in total.

The Scheme indicates:-

Projects costing €7,000 or less	: €5,000 or 75% of the total project cost
Projects costing between €7,000 and €20,000	: €5,000 or 50% of the cost of the project

P. Lynch stated that once he had applied these criteria, he was left with requests of approx. €182,000 and an available fund of €89,050 or 48.92% of the requests. He had rounded the recommendations to the nearest €25.00.

A lengthy discussion took place with all the Members giving opinions on the various projects. The following was agreed:-

[a] That further information be sought on the application received from Cobh Polish Irish Integration Group and be further discussed once the information was submitted.

[b] Following a query raised by Councillor A. Barry, it was agreed that when Glanmire Darkness into Light were being informed of their Grant Allocation, they be asked to remove the Balloon Release from the proposal list as such activity is now banned.

Following the discussion, it was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. K. McCarthy, that the final list of recommendations would be forwarded to the members for formal approval at the April meeting of the Cobh Municipal District.

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

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**Municipal District Officer**