

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD AT CARRIG HOUSE, COBH, ON TUESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**Present -** Councillors A. Barry, C. Rasmussen, S. Sheppard, D. Ó'Cadhlá, P. O'Sullivan and G. Keohane.

**Officials Present:**

Mr. S. O'Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer  
Ms. P. Lynch, Cobh Municipal District Officer  
Ms. C. McDonnell, Cobh Municipal District

**1. Suspension of Standing Orders**

On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. Sheppard, it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow a discussion in relation to the plaque at Philip O'Neill Place.

Cllr. Rasmussen asked for an update on the plaque. He stated that threats had been made against him and his family, including a threat to picket his place of work. He stated that he had never objected to the plaque. He had been approached by some of the residents in the area and had expressed their concerns at a meeting. It now appeared that as a result of this, he was being targeted.

Cllr. McCarthy stated that he was not involved in making threats or in giving any information in relation to threats.

Cllr. Sheppard stated that it was ridiculous that this issue had gone on so long and that the issue needed to be resolved as quickly as possible.

S. O'Callaghan stated that the members had made a decision, on his recommendation, at the last meeting in relation to how the Council should proceed. Council officials were now acting on foot of that decision, and the matter had now been referred to the County Solicitors' office.

Cllr. Ó'Cadhlá stated that he could not condone any threats but that any decision that the members made in relation to this issue should not be coloured by the issuing of threats. He stated that the matter should be let rest for a period of time to allow the issue to cool down.

Cllr. Barry stated that it was not acceptable if a democratic decision of the Council were overturned by bullying.

Cllr. Keohane stated that if the members made a decision, they should stick by that decision.

Cllr. Rasmussen stated that all sides needed to remember that the idea behind the plaque was to honour the memory of a young child. The Council had been trying to come to a compromise that would satisfy both sides but that their efforts seemed to be unsuccessful

On the proposal of Cllr. Rasmussen, seconded by Cllr. Ó'Cadhlá, it was agreed that a further letter would issue to the Collins family stating that further efforts would be made to come to an acceptable solution to this issue and that the Council would not take any action in relation to this matter for a period of a number of weeks to allow this matter to be resolved

**2. Community Fund Allocations, 2017**

P. Lynch circulated a document to the members setting out his recommendations for allocation of the General Municipal Allocation of €208,000. He stated that he was recommending grants of €10,000 to Residents Associations; €75,000 for Capital projects; €35,000 for Community Contracts and the remaining €88,000 for Amenity projects.

A full and comprehensive discussion took place with all Members contributing.

P. Lynch stated that a number of late applications had been received and were therefore not considered. However, he stated that 3 late applications which had been received from Residents Associations were being included. He stated that these groups were carrying out works which otherwise would be done by the Council and therefore he recommended that these applications be included.

In relation to Capital applications, P. Lynch advised that he was recommending that 5 applications receive a grant of €15,000 each. He stated that a number of other applications were not being recommended due to lack of further funding by the Council. On the proposal of Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy, it was agreed that if any of the successful applicants were unable to avail of a Capital Grant, the matter would be referred back to the members so that that grant could be allocated to one of the unsuccessful groups.

P. Lynch stated that the recommendations for Amenity Projects included an amount of €17,500 for the gates at Barnavara Crescent. Cllr. Sheppard asked if S. O'Callaghan would explore if any other funding source was available for this work. S. O'Callaghan stated that he had tried previously but would make further enquiries.

On the proposal of Cllr. O'Sullivan, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy, it was agreed to allocate the General Municipal Allocation as set out below.

S. O'Callaghan stated that successful applicants would be asked to outline how they had acknowledged the funding from the Council with any previous grants. On the proposal of Cllr. O'Cadhla, seconded by Cllr. McCarthy, it was agreed that the letter of offer would include a request for organisations to set out their proposals to acknowledge and promote the Irish language when completing their projects

**This concluded the business of the meeting**

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Municipal District Officer**

<b>Amenity</b>	
25th Cork[Cobh] Scout Club	<b>700</b>
4th Cork/Cobh Sea Scouts	3300
Assumption Place/Ringmeen R.A.	500
Ballynoe Residents Association	1100
Ballytrasna Park Res. Association	500
Barnavara Crescent	17500
Barrack Hill Ball Roll	800
Belvelly/Carrigaloe & District Comm. Ass.	500
Carrigtwohill St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee	1000
Carrigwell Residents Association	500
Cedar Crescent Res. Association	500
Cobh & District Show Bird Society	500
Cobh 1916 Commemoration Comm.	1350
Cobh Animation Team	400
Cobh Basketball Club	1750
Cobh Camogie Club	500
Cobh Carillon Committee	1000
Cobh Community Allotments	1350
Cobh G.A.A. Club	2400
Cobh Ladies Football Club	1500
Cobh Lions Club	1800
Cobh Museum	1500
Cobh Peoples Regatta	3500
Cobh Readers & Writers Festival	700
Cobh Summer Swing	1000
Cobh Tourism	1750
Cobh Traditional Sail	1500
Cobh Ukulele Festival	1000
Cobh Youth Services	1500
Cobh-Ploermel Twinning Association	2000
College Green/Lawn Res. Assoc	500
Dawn View Res. Association	300
East Cork Camera Group	350
Erin's Own G.A.A.	3500
Glanmire Athletics Club	1200
Glanmire G.A.A. Football Club	700
Glounthaune Community Assoc.	1850
Great Island Historical Society	1100
Hilltop Park Res. Association	300
Inishmore Park Res. Association	500
Jutland Memorial Society	1500
Kilcully Scout Campsite	2750
Knockraha Area Comm. Assoc.	500
Lavallin Res. Association	500
Leeview Court Res. Association	300
Monard Rathpeacon Comm. Association	1800
Mount Eaton Res. Association	150
Mount Eaton Res. Association	150
Munster Wheelchair Rugby	1450
Norwood Court Res. Association	300
Norwood Park Res. Association	<b>750</b>

Old Christians R.F.C.	2200
O'Neill's Place Res. Association	500
O'Sullivan Place R.A.	300
PAKT Cobh YMCA	500
Phoenix Kayak Club	1500
Riverstown Football Club Ltd.	2700
Rushbrooke Rowing Club Ltd.	800
Russell Heights Res. Association	750
See You in Cobh	1200
See You in Cobh/Cobh Tourism [Promenade Entertainment	600
Sirius Arts Centre	3500
Springfield Ramblers	550
St. Benedict's Priory Bible Garden	500
St. John Ambulance Brigade	1750
St. Lappan's Place /Ballyverry Res. Assoc.	500
St. Patrick's Square Res. Association	300
The Molgoggers	800
Upper Glanmire Comm. Association	1000
Vitality Cobh 2016/Cork Mental Health Found.	1000
West Island Health Promotion	400
West View Residents Assoc.	300
Whitechurch/Waterloo Comm. Assoc	2000
<b>Capital</b>	
Cobh [Great Island] Comm. Centre Ltd.	15000
Cobh Pirates R.F.C.	15000
Glanmire Area Community Association	15000
Leeside A.F.C.	15000
Little Island Community Association	15000
<b>Community Contract</b>	
Cobh Tidy Towns	10000
Glanmire Area Comm. Association	10000
Glounthaune Tidy Towns	10000
Knockraha Area Comm. Assoc. [Tidy Towns]	2500
Sallybrook Village Tidy Towns	2500