

Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District Meeting on 20th February 2017

To: Chairperson and Each Member of the Municipal District

I refer to the following Notice of Motion from Councillor D'Alton which is on the Agenda for the meeting of the Municipal District on the 20th February 2017.

1. "That this Municipal District would write to the IDA in support of the desire of the residents of Ringaskiddy to apply for inclusion of the Ringaskiddy Martello Tower in the Heritage Council's Adopt A Monument Scheme 2017."

Report:

The Heritage Council launched the 2017 Adopt a Monument Scheme on 2nd February 2017. The closing date for receipt of application was midnight on 19th February 2017. Accordingly it is too late to make an application for the 2017 Scheme.

The Municipal District could issue a letter of support to the Community Group/Residents Association to the effect that it supports their wish to have an application made to the Adopt a Monument Scheme in the future.

For information purposes the link below is to the Heritage Council's website:

<http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/adopt-a-monument>

The purpose of the Scheme as per the Press Release is:

"The Adopt a Monument Scheme offers communities expertise, mentoring and support to help them to care for their local heritage, work collaboratively to develop and understand the story of their locality", commented Ian Doyle, Head of Conservation at The Heritage Council. "For the monuments, the scheme has the potential to ensure ongoing maintenance and care, and greater protection through increased civic value, and much higher standards of interpretation and knowledge. Ireland has some of the finest archaeology in Europe and to date we have not really understood how valuable a resource this is".

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Municipal District Officer

Date 20th February 2017