

## **Ballincollig Carrigaline Municipal District Meeting July 2017**

**To: Chairperson and Each Member of the Municipal District**

### **Town Development Fund 2017:**

There are two issues for Members to decide at this meeting in relation to the 2017 TDF.

In considering these requests Members need to be conscious of the purpose of the TDF and the type of funding that it is intended to support.

“The overriding purpose of the TDF is to provide a specific level of funding to Municipal Districts for the purpose of supporting initiatives which are targeted at assisting with the economic development of the main towns with on the MD’s.”

#### **1. Music in Community**

As Members are aware €3,000 was allocated to Music in Community towards the proposed open air event in the Regional Park. Due to the inability to obtain sufficient funding from other sources this is not going to proceed. However, MIC contacted me and ask that Members to consider the proposal below as an alternative. It was agreed to support this project on the basis that it brought a lot of people into Ballincollig from outside and thereby promoted the town’s local economy in general as people would use restaurants, shops etc.

“However, we are anxious to continue with the festival and propose that we hold a smaller scale Music Festival, along the lines of our pilot festival in 2014 held at various community centres in Ballincollig. We anticipate that this will cost in the region of €6,000 to €7,000 to present and so it is critical that we secure the €3,000 allocated to our festival in order to proceed. This would serve several purposes, it would allow Music In Community to present a Music Festival this August (on a smaller scale) bringing Music to the Ballincollig area, promoting well-being and community spirit. It would allow the Music Festival to continue and place the group in a better position to secure Arts Council funding for this festival in 2018.

We have discussed this matter with Cllr. Derry Canty who considered it extremely important that the Music Festival continue in Ballincollig. We are happy to provide revised festival costings if this is acceptable. I attach a copy of our 2014 music festival report to act as an indicator of what we are proposing.”

It is a matter for Members to decide:

- Maintain the allocation as it is

- Provide for a reduced allocation
- Withdraw the proposed allocation

The link between the proposed use is more tenuous than the original proposed project.

## **2. Vigour – Fitness and Wellbeing Festival**

I have forwarded details in relation to this proposed festival to the Members for your information. The proposed event is Free to enter as will “include an abundance of Fitness and Wellbeing activities including:

- Main Stage – Min-set talks & Nutrition Demos
- Fitness Zone – Fitness Classes
- Yoga Village – Yoga classes, Pilates Classes, Tai Chi & Meditation
- Kidz Club – Kids Activities”

The organisers have indicated that if it is successful in Ballincollig this year they would like to run a similar festival in different parks across the District over the coming years.

It is a matter for Members to determine if they wish to provide financial support towards this proposed event. I am satisfied that s this is an open event that will be published outside of Ballincollig and has the potential to bring in people to the town that it would qualify for consideration for TDF funding.

### **Budget:**

Members will recall that following the March 2017 allocations there was a balance of €12,167.00 remaining in the budget. The allocation also included a provision of €3,500 towards potential Town Twinning Events in 2017. These events normally happen during the summer and to date we have not had any contact from any group. Given that there have been events in Carrigaline and Ballincollig in recent years it is more than likely that any twinning will be in the twinned towns areas. Accordingly I would consider that this money can be reallocated.

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Municipal District Officer