

**MINUTES OF SLIGO MUNICIPAL DISTRICT MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2017 AT 9.15AM IN  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, RIVERSIDE, SLIGO**

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**COUNCILLORS PRESENT:**

- Councillor Hubert Keaney,
- Councillor Declan Bree,
- Councillor Marie Casserly,
- Councillor Thomas Healy,
- Councillor Seamus Kilgannon,
- Councillor Chris MacManus,
- Councillor Gino O'Boyle,
- Councillor Rosaleen O'Grady

**APOLOGIES / ABSENT:**

- Councillor Sinead Maguire,
- Councillor Tom MacSharry

**OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:**

- Ms Dorothy Clarke, Director of Services
- Ms Margaret McConnell, Senior Executive Officer
- Mr Jimmy O'Brien, Administrative Officer
- Ms Maria Collery, Clerical Officer

**CATHAOIRLEACH:**

The Cathaoirleach Councillor Hubert Keaney presided and welcomed those present to the meeting.

**TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF  
FUNDING UNDER THE  
COMMUNITIES FACILITIES  
CAPITAL GRANT SCHEME 2017:**

At the outset Councillor Hubert Keaney outlined that the meeting was held to approve allocation of funding under the Communities Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2017. In accordance with the requirements of the scheme the LCDC at their meeting on 27th July had recommended approval of the allocation of the fund of €32,250 available to the Sligo District in accordance with the schedule of grants as circulated to members.

Ms Margaret McConnell outlined the scheme and the process followed in bringing the recommendation forward to the members. She reminded members that the overall funding for the County under the scheme was €64,500 and that it was agreed by the Council at their meeting on 3rd April that the budget would break down equally between the two Municipal Districts at €32,250 per district. A total of 85 Applications were received for the Sligo MD and 50 applications had been considered and recommended by the LCDC for funding approval. Ms McConnell outlined that the individual apportionment of the €32,250 budget was a matter for the Members who were entitled to adjust any of the funding allocations if they so wished.

Councillor Seamus Kilgannon complimented the staff on their work and suggested that the division between MDs should be re-examined if it is available again in future years given the higher no of applications received in the Sligo District.

Councillor Rosaleen O'Grady also complimented the work undertaken by

staff and concurred with Councillor Kilgannon in respect of the funding division between the MD's. Councillor O'Grady expressed disappointed with the allocation of €400 for Bit O'Red Supporters Trust in respect of their application for a Memorial Garden - all other applications were recommended funding approval of €650. It was agreed that if some groups did not take up their full allocation of funding an extra €250 would be allocated to the Bit O Red Supporters Trust.

All Councillors expressed their agreement with the allocations for groups as set out and acknowledged that the funding would be of benefit to the groups no matter how small.

Councillor Keaney also paid tribute to the work which had gone in to the Scheme and suggested making representations to Government for an increase should the scheme be run again.

**Proposed by Councillor Chris MacManus  
Seconded by Councillor Marie Casserly**

**AND AGREED**

“To approve allocation of funding under the Communities Facilities Capital Grant Scheme 2017 for the Municipal District of Sligo”

The Cathaoirleach thanked all present for attending.

The meeting concluded at 9.40am

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**Cathaoirleach**

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**Meetings Administrator**