

21st July 2017

To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Westmeath County Council

RE: Westmeath Community Facilities Grant Scheme 2017

Dear Cathaoirleach & Members,

The Department of Housing, Community and Local Government has provided €64,500 to Westmeath for the Community Facilities Grant Scheme 2017. The purpose of this Scheme is to fund projects of a capital nature that seek to enhance community facilities, address disadvantage and improve social cohesion at a local level. It seeks to address some of the difficulties local community groups face in terms of accessing very often small scale levels of funding to match their own fundraising efforts, in order to get community projects off the ground.

The scheme was advertised in the local press, website, and circulated to all community groups, with applications invited prior to closing date of 30th June 2017. A total of 86 applications were received. These applications were assessed initially by a sub-committee of the Local Community Development Committee against the criteria set out by the Department for the grant scheme. Westmeath LCDC, at its meeting on 21st July 2017, considered the recommendation of this sub-committee in respect compliance with the Westmeath Local Economic and Community Plan, geographical balance, and the desirability to fund a variety of different projects.

Based on the outcome of this assessment by the LCDC, find attached the recommended grants for consideration of the Elected Members of Athlone and Mullingar Municipal Districts.



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