

Eleanor Butler

From: Lynch Christina [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday 16 November 2017 10:09
To: Finola Moylette
Subject: Velo Rail Project, Kiltimagh
Attachments: doc05895520171116100527.pdf

Dear Ms Moylette

Please find attached a letter from Mayo County Council in relation to the above project.

Kind regards

Christina Lynch



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MAYO.IE Communications Department
Mayo County Council

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Ms. Finola Moylette,
Principal Officer,
Department of Rural & Community Development,
Government Buildings,
Ballina, Co Mayo

16th November 2017

RE: Request for additional funding – VeloRail project

Dear Finola,

You will be aware that Mayo County Council has been approved €180,000 REDZ funding from your Department of Rural and Community Development to develop a Velo Rail tourism facility at Kiltimagh. Work has been ongoing on this project since Q4 2016.

During construction over the last number of months a number of unforeseen additional works were required during the reinstatement of the railway track including reinstatement of a number of sections of subsided railway line. Additional expenditure of €147,550 has been incurred as a result of these works.

I write to enquire if the Department would be in a position to provide additional funding towards these completed works. Should you wish I can provide a detailed report on the additional works to support an application for additional funding.

Yours faithfully,

Padraig Philbin

A/Head of Tourism

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Sent: Thursday 7 December 2017 17:10
To: [REDACTED]
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Attachments: Rural Schemes Various 2017.docx

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Rural Policy and Schemes
7/12/2017

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There is funding available under the A5 subhead.

Deirdre Kelly

From: Finola Moylette
Sent: Friday 9 February 2018 15:11
To: Deirdre Kelly
Subject: FW: Submission re various requests

From: Elizabeth Canavan [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday 9 December 2017 08:46
To: William Parnell
Cc: Finola Moylette
Subject: Re: Submission re various requests

William - I have looked at these now. I would like to revert to Minister early this am.

I concur with your view that LIS and Longford seem most straightforward.

I'm minded that the Donegal Red Cross is somewhat exceptional and worth consideration subject to Ministers view.

I would need to discuss that one and others with you. Can you give me a call as early as possible please.

Thanks

Liz

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Dec 2017, at 13:44, William Parnell [REDACTED] wrote:

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To: michael.ring [REDACTED] Anthony McCarthy; Michael Ring; Seamus O'Ceallachain; William Parnell; Finola Moylette
Subject: Fwd: Submission re various requests
Attachments: Rural Schemes Various 2017.docx; ATT00001.htm

Minister

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Sent: Monday 11 December 2017 10:21
To: William Parnell; Finola Moylette
Cc: Anthony McCarthy
Subject: FW: Fwd: Submission re various requests

William/Finola

You can proceed with Longford and Limerick based on below.

I'm waiting a call from the Minister to talk about the others as his email isn't totally clear and I want to discuss further.

I hope to get him this am.

Thanks,

Liz

From: Michael Ring [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 December 2017 09:49
To: Elizabeth Canavan
Subject: Re: Fwd: Submission re various requests

Dear Liz,

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With kind regards,
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MICHAEL RING, T.D.

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Cc: Anthony McCarthy; Seamus O'Ceallachain
Subject: RE: Fwd: Submission re various requests

All,

I have had the opportunity to discuss these in more detail now with the Minister.

Following our discussion he is not inclined to approve any of the proposals except Donegal Red Cross given the very exceptional nature of the request and the history.

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From: William Parnell
Sent: Tuesday 12 December 2017 13:35
To: Finola Moylette
Subject: FW: email ... projects.

From: Seamus O'Ceallachain [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 December 2017 13:34
To: William Parnell; Elizabeth Canavan
Subject: email ... projects.

William

I have spoken with Minister and he is looking for a summary (email) of four requests (details already submitted) for funding this department has received;

Those are:

- 1; Red Cross application, Donegal.
- 2: Longford, Rural Rec Blueway extension.
- 3: Limerick, LIS funding.
- 4: Kiltimagh, rural rec/ project overrun.

If you have any further queries please contact me.

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seamus

Séamus Ó Ceallacháin
Special Advisor to Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development

[REDACTED]

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Subject: Update on project applications
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Update on project applications as requested by the Minister is attached.

DPER have confirmed by telephone that they will sanction virements, if necessary, to cover additional payments we may wish to make. The current situation is that Subhead A5 is almost fully expended as Local Authorities have been drawing down funds based on reaching 20% of their project costs.

William Parnell
Assistant Secretary General
Rural Development & Regional Affairs Division
Department of Rural and Community Development

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Secretary General (Acting)

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As requested by the Minister, this note provides a summary of the status of projects which have requested additional funding support in the last couple of weeks.

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Only Coillte and Waterways Ireland received higher amounts of funding under the 2016 scheme.

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William Parnell
12 December 2017

Eleanor Butler

From: Anthony McCarthy [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday 12 December 2017 15:22
To: Finola Moylette
Cc: Secretary General; William Parnell; Seamus O'Ceallachain
Subject: RE: Update on project applications
Attachments: Submission on 4 projects.docx

Finola, the Minister has approved all 4 projects.

thanks

Anthony

Anthony McCarthy
Private Secretary to Michael Ring TD
Minister for Rural and Community Development
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From: Finola Moylette [REDACTED]
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From: William Parnell
Sent: Tuesday 12 December 2017 14:46
To: Secretary General; Elizabeth Cahavan
Cc: 'Seamus O'Ceallachain'; Finola Moylette
Subject: Update on project applications

Update on project applications as requested by the Minister is attached.

DPER have confirmed by telephone that they will sanction virements, if necessary, to cover additional payments we may wish to make. The current situation is that Subhead A5 is almost fully expended as Local Authorities have been drawing down funds based on reaching 20% of their project costs.

William Parnell
Assistant Secretary General
Rural Development & Regional Affairs Division
Department of Rural and Community Development
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Secretary General (Acting)

Minister Ring

As requested by the Minister, this note provides a summary of the status of projects which have requested additional funding support in the last couple of weeks.

Kiltimagh Velo Rail – Rural Recreation 2016

€180,000 in funding was approved for Mayo Local Authority under the 2016 Rural Recreation scheme to develop a Velo Rail project in Kiltimagh, Co Mayo.

Mayo Local Authority has completed the project but has advised that, when undertaking the works, significant levels of unexpected costs arose due to unforeseen reinstatement works being necessary along parts of the rail line. The Council has asked this Department if it would consider providing some additional funding to defray the additional costs incurred. The overall additional costs indicated by the Local Authority is €147,550.

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