



## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

8<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

Dear Councillor,

I enclose details of the applications evaluated and recommended for funding under the 2023 Amenity Grant Scheme.

**Budget** - The 2023 budget approved for Amenity Grants is €140,000.

**Promotion** - The Amenity Grant Scheme was advertised in the Kilkenny People Newspaper and on the Council's website on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January 2023. An application form was also posted out to each of the previous year's applicants. The closing date for applications was the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023.

### **Applications:**

- A total of 180 applications have been received;
- 1 application was ineligible as it did not meet with the objectives of the Amenity Grant Scheme;
- A total of 179 applications are therefore being recommended for approval as per the attached schedule.

**Evaluation Committee** - the applications were evaluated by the following:

- Eoin Dullea
- Lisa Bourke

An evaluation of the applications was undertaken with reference to a range of evaluation criteria and category classifications (i.e. 15 categories A – O based on size of town or village, number of houses in the estate, etc). There was a slight decrease in the award under some of the categories due to the slightly higher number of applications this year as compared to 2023 (172).

I recommend the allocations as outlined on the attached schedule in the total amount of €139,880. The small balance remaining will cover some of the cost of advertising the scheme.

Mise, le meas,

Denis Malone,  
Director of Services,  
Planning, Economic & Environmental Services.