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Positive Straws and Funding in the Wind for Glounsharoon Development

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Announcing the allocation of over €73,000 for the programme of upgrading works at the scenic viewing area at Glounsharoon on Monday evening were, from left: Cllr. Charlie Farrelly, Independent; Cllr. Jackie Healy Rae, Independent; Cllr. Bobby O'Connell, Fine Gael and Cllr. Fionnán Fitzgerald, Fianna Fail.

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What's Up: At the announcement of the allocation of over €73,000 for the programme of upgrading works at the scenic viewing area at Glounsharoon on Monday evening were, from left: Cllr. Fionnán Fitzgerald, Fianna Fail; Cllr. Jackie Healy Rae, Independent; Cllr. Charlie Farrelly, Independent and Cllr. Bobby O'Connell, Fine Gael.

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There are considerable and positive straws in the wind that the neglect of the scenic area in Glounsharoon may be close to an end and that our most remarked on local area is about to be taken into care.

Sums of €54,831.46 and €18,277.16 have been forged into a figure of €73,108.62 from Transitional Leader Funding and Castleisland Chamber Alliance respectively.

There's a menu of refurbishment going with the funding announcement that makes the most uplifting piece of reading.

In Praise of the Views

Not since Con Houlihan and Bertie Ahern and Brendan Graham and many more wrote in praise of the views, over the valley and beyond from the height, has there been such positivity associated with the place.

Under an 'Upgrading of the Scenic Area at Glounsharoon' heading, the plans include: a tarmacadam finish with lined car parking spaces; seating and benches; a geographical information board and a programme of planting with biodiversity and grass management at its core.

A Joint Announcement

The four elected members of the Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District: Cllr. Charlie Farrelly, Independent; Cllr. Fionnán Fitzgerald, Fianna Fail; Cllr. Bobby O'Connell, Fine Gael and Cllr. Jackie Healy Rae, Independent gathered for a joint announcement on Glounsharoon this evening.

There was a unanimous welcome for the move on the project and for the funding allocated.

Praise for Chamber Alliance

The councillors thanked Castleisland Chamber Alliance for its considerable part in attracting the funding and for getting the project this far.

They also thanked Kerry County Executive Engineer, Breda Mulryan and District Engineer, Brendan Mulhern and Castleisland / Corca Dhuibhne Municipal District Manager John Breen for their roles in the proposed development works on Glounsharoon.

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There are considerable and positive straws in the wind that the neglect of the scenic area in Glounsharoon may be close to an end and that our most remarked on local area is about to be taken into care. A figure of €73,108.62 has been set aside for a programme of refurbishment which makes very pleasant reading. For more, please Click on the Pic...

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Seamus Fleming
It is welcome reading that critical funding appears secure for emergency remedial work at Glounsharoon to proceed. Well done. Experience, calibre, vision & negotiating skills of MJK Chamber Alliance to the fore. V fortunate & highly unlikely without his leadership to secure funding and manage all parties thus far.
Glounsharoon needs a clear strategic outlook from here. A CLEAR & LIVING PLAN 2021+-. Incredible Resource at our Front Door. Medium to Long Term Strategic Plan to harness the as-yet untapped unique and enormous potential. Glounsharoon Scenic Platform no place to cohabit a Council Yard/DUMP in today's world.
Good to see Council Elected Representatives in unison. Way forward & well done. Need our elected representatives to now capture the vision and real potential and push forward to develop Glounsharoon properly and open this fantastic resource to the world.
Excellent work: John Reidy MVP and Michael Ahern Kerry's Eye. Also Bertie Ahern, WP Bill O'Leary, Jacki Lyden, NZ Peter O'Connor et al who quietly in the background, do their bit & continue to promote and advance Glounsharoon to a wider audience.
A bit done, LOADS to do!

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