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Marissa Lane, Cathriona Doody O'Connor, George Kelly Director SKDP and Listry Community Council, Breda O'Shea Supervisor, Tony Darmody Listry Community Council and Joe McCrohan RSS and Tús Manager at Listry Community Centre.

# Listry Community Council: enabling and facilitating community inclusion

LISTRY Community Council is one of many excellent organisations working diligently for its community. An active council on many fronts, its core activity is in providing a childcare facility on a daily basis from 8am to 6pm. Meals on wheels, education and training, Irish dancing is but a sample of the activities Listry Community Council facilitate.

This group has availed of the Rural Social Scheme for years, as it provides them with caretaking and general maintenance services. Tony Darmody of Listry Community Council explains that this is an invaluable service which has helped it to prosper. One of the group's strengths is that it invites people to take part in events rather than simply asking them to attend meetings. This is a more interactive approach. "They (SKDP) have been very helpful to us and we've always found them very good to work with. From supervisors to RSS and Tús participants, the relationship has been very beneficial to us," said Tony.

The aim of the council is to facilitate and work with other groups. In a small parish it is vital to work together, while Tony insists that Listry Community Council have led the way with the weekly lotto, run in conjunction with Listry GAA Club.

"The council helps to bring different groups together and we have a core membership of 24 people that are registered members. The board comprises of seven people and they are responsible for the governance of the council. We're an enabling and a facilitating group," said Tony.





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# **Derrynane Inshore Rescue: a vital** rescue and recovery service



vice would be an understatement. Covering Kenmare Bay into Kenmare, the northern Beara Peninsula and south Kerry coast, of the boat house and equipment. Derrynane Inshore Rescue covers an extensive area which makes its presence all the more vital.

As part of 'Community Rescue Boat Ireland', this voluntary group was set up to provide an emergency lifeboat service on call 24 hours. In 2004 a Station House was built to house and maintenance work. Where the boat house is located means this to check out the Derrynane Inshore Rescue Facebook page.

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TO say Derrynane Inshore Rescue provides an essential ser- launch the boat. Jerry Clifford of Derrynane Inshore Rescue help is even more important," said Jerry.

"Most of our members are working full-time, so SKDP provide us with up to 20 hours a week, which helps us with key maintenance. The benefit of this is unreal as we know there is

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While rescue and recovery is the primary function of the organisation, it also expands its service to cater for social and recreational events in the community. They provide a key presence for triathlons, regattas, fishing competitions and charity events. Jerry added that Derrynane Inshore Rescue is



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Sneem links, Neill Scott. has to offer

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From left, Jerry Moloney, Enterprise Ireland, Brigid Fitzgerald, Economic Advisor, Kerry Count Council, Aidan Murray, Manager Sneem Digital Hub, Niall Scott, Chair Sneem Digital Hub, Moira Murrell, Chief Executive Kerry County Council, Cllr Norma Moriarty, Chathaoirleach, South & West Municipal District and Noel Spillane, CEO South Kerry Development Partnership.

# **Sneem Digital Hub: matching** technology with quality of living

and hot-desking available, it en- to prosper.

sive vision that was set up and pand remotely. Its facilities can ity. It was at this critical juncture designed by a man with strong cater for video conferencing neem links, Neill Scott. technology and meeting rooms. The hub's main function is to It's unlikely that farming can be stem the tide of rural depopula-tion by creating a smart space for of attracting young people to live essential at that point and time people to work while enjoying and work in rural locations. One - it gave us the man power to all that Sneem and south Kerry of the hub's key target areas is to see the project through. This ensure an environment is created help was critical to the overall With high-speed broadband that would help technology jobs project as we simply could not

business start-ups and options modern offices so that Sneem a big part," said John

SNEEM Digital Hub is a progres- for companies seeking to ex- Digital Hub could become a realthat John Vincent O'Sullivan said SKDP's help played a crucial role "The work done by SKDP

have afforded to pay for this la courages the concept of remote working in a low-cost base for leased and transformed into various SKDP projects can play



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Wishing South Kerry Development Partnership, the Rural Social Scheme and Tús Community Work Placement Programme all the very best in their endeavours.



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# Lauragh Community **Centre a focal point** for the locality...

THE presence of community centres across south Kerry is essential to how people organise events and interact socially. Lauragh Community Centre is a good example as it continues to host exercise classes, cookery, parent & toddler groups to name a few. Thanks to SKDP's assistance in securing Leader Funding, the rent the hall for classes, which makes Lauragh Community Centre even more vital in the region. The centre has an upstairs section, while renovating the kitchen, toilets and securing broadband are the next projects in line. This will also help create remote working spaces for people

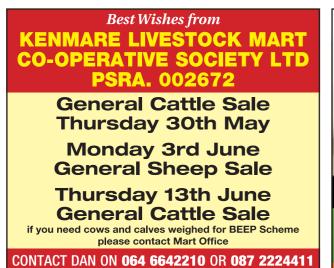
"The centre hosts both day an evening classes and it's a won derful amenity for the area. Coffee mornings also bring people

It's an important amenity for people as they can book the centre for various events. The nearby Caha Family Resource Centre also workers do a fantastic job maintaining the centre.

"We have very limited funds and we couldn't afford to pay someone to do this work. These guys come in and they are bril liant. They are very efficient and anything we ever ask, they're there to help.



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The Rural Men's group leaving for a trip to Mayo with organisers Kevin Griffin, Michael Foley and

## **Rural Men's Group: tackling** isolation by enhancing social inclusion

aim of enhancing social inclusion. The Rural Men's Group social outlet," said Kevin. organise day outings for men in the south Kerry region. They receive great assistance in their work from the SKDP offices

was initially set up to tackle rural isolation. "The men really look forward to trips and they will always ask us 'when's the provide the service." Kevin said.

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THIS fantastic group is run by voluntary members with the next one?', which is a good sign. It's good for them and a great The group takes in around six trips a year including overnight

trips. The most recent overnight trip was to Youghal in County in Cahersiveen, Killorglin, Killarney and Kenmare, which is where bookings are taken from people interested in attending trips to Dingle and around Kerry are also popular.

"We have a database of a couple of hundred people. Some Kevin Griffin of the Rural Men's Group explained that it people take their partners along as well and they are more than welcome. It works for them and we're delighted to be able to

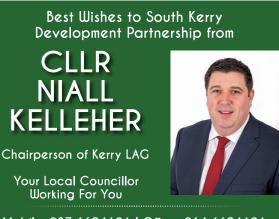


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## Senior Alert Scheme bringing peace of mind to elderly people...

elderly people whether they involved with the instillation of live in a rural or urban setting 350 alarms in the region which is vital. The SAS is one such programme which does that. SKDP cover a vast area within the region from Kenmare to Killarney delivering the programme livery of the scheme and Breda which provides personal alarms for people over 65. The advantage of the SAS is knowing that people have an immediate point of contact in the event of an emergency. This brings added people over the age of 65 could comfort to those over 65 who SKDP work closely with many for people is knowing that smaller community groups and public health nurses to help phone if they have any issues identify those who need the with their alarm.

BRINGING peace of mind to alarm. To date SKDP has been is important for to a person's sense of security. SKDP are a registered group with Pobal who are responsible for the de-O'Shea is the contact for the SAS within SKDP. She explains that this is a very important support and how many more do with such an alarm device. qualify for an alarm. Moreover Breda says that the main thing we are at the other end of the



SKDP Supervisor Mary Clifford and Breda O'Shea of the Senior Alarm Service.

## A focal point for elderly people at Taobh **Linn Social Centre**

KENMARE Community Care it also hosts a range of other and prepared in house. This reputation in the locality for including arts & crafts, bingo, success story continues to be the Taobh Linn Social Centre. also arranged.

This centre provides a crucial outlet for elderly people worked with Kenmare Comwith its warm and friendly atmosphere. Taobh Linn provide a four-course affordable meal to older people in need Centre and the people who within the wider Kenmare use it. community, while it also provides a 'meals on wheels' service.

has a long and established activities for older people is run by a diligent worker over 40 years and its main exercise sessions and meet & greet gatherings. Day trips are

Tanya O'Sullivan has munity Care for many years and she is an important link between Taobh Linn Social

SKDP schemes ensure that RSS and Tús participants help to keep the centre look-But Taobh Linn is about ing good and there is even more than just a place where a polytunnel at the centre food is prepared and served, where vegetables are grown

as part of a scheme, including kitchen personnel, who are equally a key part of the service.

"To be honest we couldn't run it without the work of the people that are provided under SKDP schemes. It's all about community involvement and interaction and Taobh Linn is essential for the elderly as there is no other place in Kenmare for them to go. We have a great mix of people and ages, which adds to the atmosphere," Tanya said.



John McCrohan, Patrick Doyle and Donal McCarthy, Supervisor at the Taobh Linn Services in Kenmare.

