

Michael D. O'Shea

M.C.C.



12th March 2008.

Dear Sir or Madame,

I would like to make the following submission regarding my own Electoral Area which is the Dingle Electoral Area.

The Dingle Electoral Area has a population of 14,477.00 and that is in accordance with the 2006 Census. With three County Councillors in the area this equates to 4825.670 population per County Councillor. This is within plus or minus 10% variance of the average.

The West Kerry Area has its focal points with the town of An Daingean at one end and the towns of Tralee and Milltown at the other end. These are the Urban and neighbouring focal points for West Kerry. Given that the town of Blennerville sees itself as part of Tralee Town Council. The only way to extend the West Kerry Area is to extend the Milltown Boundary to all of its natural parish and thus aligning it with the average population per County Councillor which is 5100,79. In saying this the West Kerry Peninsula is unique and has its own natural community which should be preserved as a local electoral area.

It has two Gaelteacht Areas with Lispole and Chorca Dhuibhne west of An Daingean. It is vital for the Irish language and culture that this has the representation of three County Councillors in the unique existing West Kerry local area. It is an extremely long Peninsula bounded by Dingle Bay/Tralee Bay and Brandon Bay which forms the Peninsula and does not allow a connection geographically to any other electoral area.

In terms of distance from Dunquin to Milltown it is 74KM and from Dunquin to Tralee it is 72.5 KM. Milltown forms a natural head and southern entrance to West Kerry and people associate entering West Kerry on entering Milltown. I would like to suggest that the D.E.D.s of Kilbonane and Dromin be incorporated in to the West Kerry Area as part of Milltown. This would further balance the population average per Councillor and also recognise Milltown's role as the entrance to West Kerry and the second largest town in the Dingle Electoral Area.

Yours Sincerely,

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Clinics:

2nd Wednesday: 7.00pm Griffins Bar, Castlemaine • 7.30pm Hendersons Bar, Firies • 8.00pm The Shanty, Ballyfinane
• 8.30pm The Anvil Bar, Boolteens • 9.00pm Foley's Bar, Inch • 9.45pm Denis Falveys, Annascaul

3rd Wednesday: 6.30pm Keanes Bar, Curaheen • 7.00pm Thomas Ashe's Bar, Camp • 7.30pm Maurice Fitzgerald,
Castlegorgory • 8.00pm Aidan Mullally's Bar, Brandon • 8.45pm Tom McCarthys, Upper Main Street, Dingle
• 9.15pm O'Sullivan's Bar, Garrie, Lispole