



# Ardbhearna Newsletter

## Senator Mark Daly & Council Candidate Donald Lynch Working Hard for Ardbhearna Residence



Since October 2008, I have been in contact with Kerry County Council regarding the subject of the maintenance and grass cutting in Ardbhearna Estate.

RE: Grass Cutting in Ardbhearna Hearing Letter

Dear Senator Daly,

I refer to the above matter which the Director of Services, Mr. John Flynn, has asked me to reply to you directly.

The majority of Local Authority housing estates throughout the county have grass cutting carried out by Residents' Associations. Limited financial assistance is provided from the Housing Department's maintenance budget for which a specific provision of €300,000 was made in 2008. This fund is used to provide one-off grant assistance to properly constituted Resident Associations towards the purchase of mowers etc. There would be serious budgetary implications for the Housing Department to provide this service directly in all its Local Authority estates. In any event it is considered that devolving responsibility for grass cutting to Residents' Associations with assistance from the Housing Department can help promote tenant participation, a sense of ownership and can also allow those who live in an area to decide on the frequency and standard of service.

Obviously it may take a certain period for Residents' Associations in new estates to become organised and take on this responsibility as is the case in this estate. Therefore, a limited grass cutting service was provided by a local contractor engaged directly by the Housing Department at the estate's request. However, it is anticipated that a Residents' Association will be up and running in time for next year's (growing) season which our Tenants Liaison Officer is endeavouring to help organise.

Yours faithfully,  
  
 Mr. Liam Quilliam  
 Senior Executive Officer,  
 Housing & Social Support  
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Donald Lynch and I are delighted that in conjunction with Kenmare Tidy Towns and the Chamber of Commerce, Kerry County Council has agreed to give a top of the range Ride on Lawn mower, Strimmer and a Garden Shed to a Residence Association.

The people of Ardbhearna deserve the best from the County Council and Donald Lynch and I will ensure that they get it.

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**VOTE NO. 1**  
**DONALD LYNCH**  
**FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**VOTE NO.1**  
**BRIAN CROWLEY M.E.P.**  
**FOR EUROPE**

Donald Lynch, Council Candidate with Brian Crowley M.E.P.  
& Denis Foley, Main Street, Kenmare



## **‘Children at Play’ Sign - A Priority Says Donald Lynch Council Candidate**



Safety for your children is a priority for me and following concerns raised on the door steps during my canvass, I have been in contact with Kerry County Council to get a ‘Children at Play’ sign for the road leading to the Estate.

## **Senator Mark Daly and Children of Ardbhearna Plant an Orchard**



Senator Mark Daly and the children of the Estate planted Apple Trees in the Estate in 2008

**VOTE NO. 1**

**DONALD LYNCH FOR KERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**