

Ms. Brenda Shannon,  
Meetings Administrator,  
Corporate Services,  
South Dublin County Council,  
County Hall,  
Tallaght,  
Dublin 24.

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**Re: Motion M6/0326 – IPB Tidy Towns Insurance Scheme** [*Correspondence issued via email*]

Dear Ms. Shannon,

Thank you for your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and for writing further to the motion agreed at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026, reference M6/0326. I appreciate the Council taking the time to formally engage with IPB Insurance on this matter.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Council for its interest in the IPB public liability insurance facility developed in partnership with our Member local authorities for eligible Tidy Towns groups. Since its introduction, the scheme has proven to be highly successful, providing clarity, reassurance and practical support to community volunteers across the country. It has also demonstrated the value of constructive collaboration between IPB and its Member local authorities in supporting community-led initiatives.

We fully recognise the rationale underpinning the Council's request to explore the potential extension of this facility to Residents' Associations. We continue to engage with all our stakeholders, including local authorities, representative bodies and Government departments, to examine and progress opportunities to broaden the scope of the scheme over time to include other community-based groups undertaking similar voluntary activities. Our experience through the Tidy Towns initiative is serving as an important foundation for this ongoing work.

More generally, IPB remains firmly committed to doing more for our Members' communities. In this context, I am pleased to note that IPB, in partnership with our local authority Members, will shortly be launching a new community grant fund. This initiative will include support for Tidy Towns groups and other comparable community organisations, including Residents' Associations, and reflects our mutual ethos and long-standing commitment to our Members' communities and civic life throughout Ireland.

We will continue to engage constructively with relevant stakeholders as this work progresses and would be happy to keep South Dublin County Council informed of developments in due course. Thank you again for bringing this matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Kearns', is written over a horizontal line.

**John Kearns**  
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