



**Date: 29<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2019**

**Our ref: LOL/022/EXTN**

**TO: THE CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**RE: DISPOSAL OF INTEREST IN PROPERTY AT BALLYKEEFFE QUARRY (AMPHITHEATRE), BALLYKEEFFE, KILMANAGH, CO. KILKENNY**

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Notice is hereby given, that at a meeting of the Council to be held after the expiration of 10 days from the date of this notice, it is the intention of Kilkenny County Council, in accordance with Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, to dispose of its interest in Property at Ballykeeffe Quarry (Amphitheatre), Ballykeeffe, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny – which measures approx 1.21 ha and as outlined on the attached map - to Kilmanagh Ballycallan Killaloe Community Enterprise Group Ltd, The Old School House, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny by way of extension to existing long term lease for a further term of 10 years up to the year 2037 and at an annual rent of €52. Kilmanagh Ballycallan Killaloe Community Enterprise Group Ltd will be responsible for all legal costs associated with the lease, including those of Kilkenny County Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Kilkenny County Council is the owner of the Quarry at which the existing Amphitheatre is located and which is run by the local Committee under a License Agreement with Kilkenny County Council since 1999. A previous extension to the lease was granted in 2017 following the approval of the Elected Members. However, we have received another request from the Group to have the period of the License further extended by 10 years – which they require in order to draw down current grant funding from LEADER as the 8 years remaining under the current License is not sufficient. An extension to the existing lease will allow for further grant funding to be accessed over the coming years also should the Group apply for other such funding streams.

The Group have developed, grown and maintained the Amphitheatre into the facility it is today and continue to operate it as a successful and popular music and arts venue which has become renowned in the Arts & Culture community, locally, nationally and abroad. Future works proposed include enhancing wheelchair access, improving existing seating arrangements and improvements to the lighting of the auditorium.

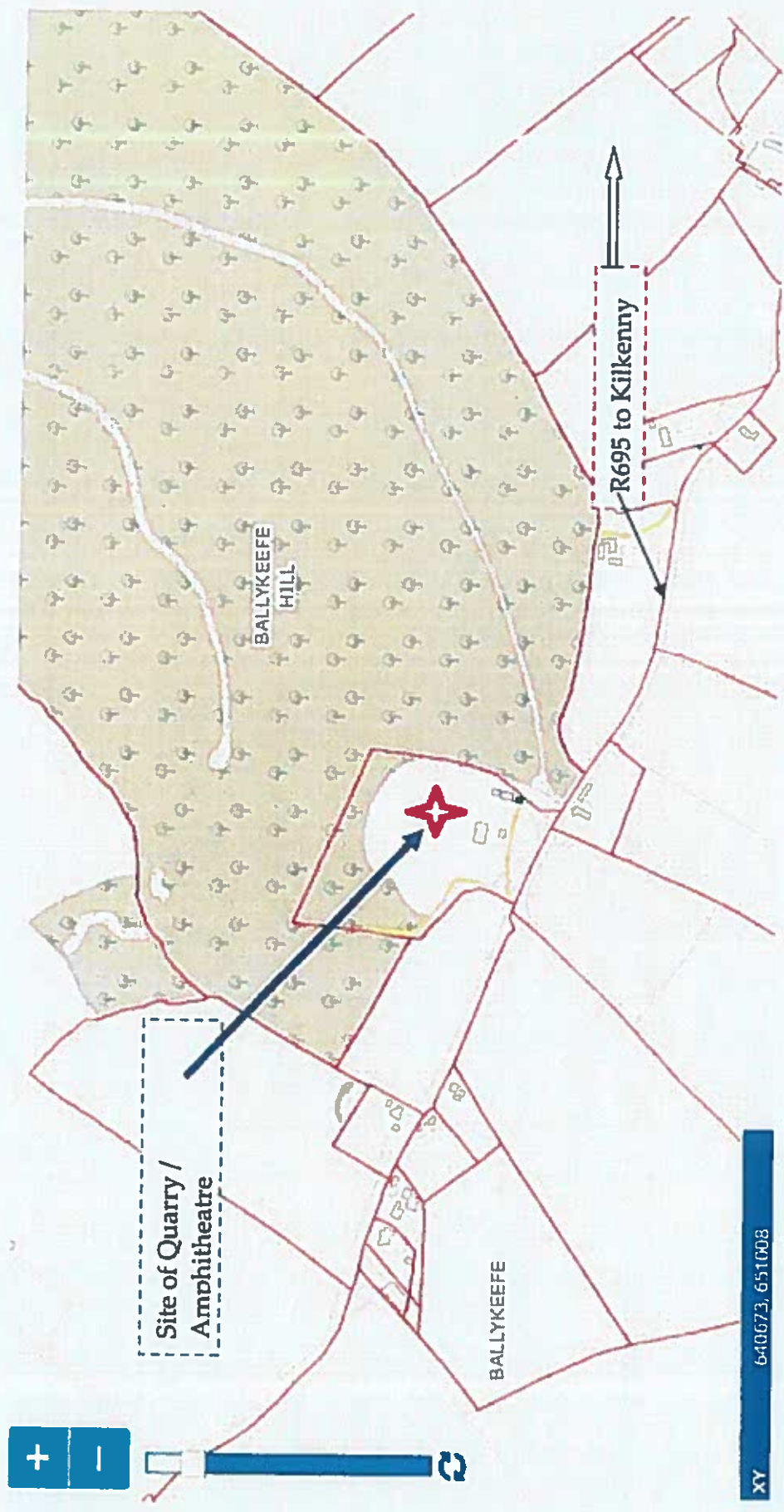
Mise, le meas,

*Colette Byrne*

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Colette Byrne  
Chief executive





Site at Ballykeeffe Quarry (Amphitheatre), Ballykeeffe, Kilmanagh, Co. Kilkenny