



Speech from Michael Kenneally on the occasion of the 25th anniversary

Twinning between Waldaschaff and Clonakilty

Much has already been said about the special friendship between Clonakilty and Waldaschaff so I am not going to repeat that.

Some of you are aware that all of the 80 Town Councils in Ireland, including Clonakilty Town Council, were abolished last week so Clonakilty no longer has a town council.

All this week I am being asked if the lack of a town council will be a problem for the future of our twinning. I can assure you that it will not. The twinning between Clonakilty and Waldaschaff is based on friendships that we have built up over 3 decades. Our Twinning Association was not financially dependent on the Town Council and over the coming months we will be forging strong links with the newly established West Cork Regional Council.

So today, while we remember and reflect on the great times and friends we have made over the past 25 years, let us celebrate the beginning of the next 25 years. It is essential that we all work hard to ensure that our young people, our clubs, schools and organisations are aware of the special relationship that exists between Waldaschaff and Clonakilty and to encourage them to become involved.

Enjoy the rest of the programme. Go raibh míle maith agaibh!