



Poppy's Place Future Planning Report

Meeting with Tralee Bay Coastal Parks – Thur 27 Feb 2025

Present: Patrick Shellock, General Manager, Andrew Simpson, Chairperson and Susan Simpson, Trustee.



1. Introduction

This report outlines the key discussion points and proposed next steps following our meeting with Patrick Shellcock, General Manager of Tralee Bay Coastal Parks. The primary focus of the meeting was the future of Poppy's Place and potential options for maintaining and enhancing our partnership beyond the current lease period.

2. Current Caravan Status

- Our existing caravan, a 2009 Cosalt Spirit Super, was purchased on 1st August 2020 for £20,000.
- The licence for this caravan expires on 31st December 2025, at which point it must be removed from its current pitch due to park restructuring.
- Tralee Bay Coastal Parks has confirmed that removal of the caravan from the pitch will be required, with the option of selling or relocating it.



3. Future Partnership & Replacement Options:

Both Tralee Bay Coastal Parks and Anam Cara Fasgadh are committed to continuing our partnership beyond 2025. Patrick Shellcock proposed the following options for a replacement caravan:

Option 1: Ashworth Caravan

- 6 berth, 2-bedroom model
- 15-year lease
- £50,000 with front decking or £55,000 with full side and front decking
- Would be moved to Poppy's Place's current site after 31st December 2025



Option 2: Summer Breeze Caravan

- 6 berth, 2-bedroom model
- £50,000 or £55,000 with decking
- Would be located on the second row from the beach, offering stunning sea views



Option 3: The Swift Moselle Scandi

- 6 berth, 2-bedroom model
- £68,000
- Would be located on the second row from the beach, offering stunning sea views





4. Poppy's Place Removal & Relocation

- Tralee Bay Coastal Parks will disconnect and remove Poppy's Place free of charge if we immediately replace it with a new caravan (ie the above Ashworth) on the same pitch.
- If we choose to relocate Poppy's Place, Tralee will provide transport cost estimates closer to the time, based on the new location – they use a local transporter for all relocations.
- Estimated relocation cost to Oban (as an example): £600.

5. Decision Timeline & Payment Structure

- Tralee Bay Coastal Parks would appreciate a decision on the purchase of another caravan at Tralee before August 2025 to allow for planning.
- If we proceed with purchasing a new caravan at Tralee, a deposit of £4,000 would be required at the time of commitment (August 2025).
- The remaining balance would only be payable prior to full ownership being transferred, as happened with Poppy's Place.

6. Next Steps

- Review and assess funding opportunities for the purchase of a new caravan.
- Evaluate the best caravan option in terms of accessibility, comfort, and long-term sustainability for bereaved families.
- Decide on the future of the current Poppy's Place caravan, where to relocate it to.
- Continue discussions with Tralee Bay Coastal Parks to finalise plans and ensure a smooth transition beyond 2025.

7. Conclusion

The meeting reaffirmed the strong and valued partnership between Tralee Bay Coastal Parks and Anam Cara Fasgadh. With the licence expiry approaching, we now have clear options for the future of Poppy's Place. The decision timeline provides an opportunity to plan and secure the necessary funding. Careful consideration of funding, location, and logistics will ensure that we continue to provide bereaved families with a haven of peace and healing for years to come.