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### **EAST CLARE** 4th Friday of Every Month

Scarriff	9.30am	Market House
Killaloe	10.30am	Family Resource Centre
Clonlara	11.30am	Community Sports Centre
Meelick	12.30pm	Meelick Tavern

I was delighted to be able to work with the Cratloe Post Office Action Group over the past eight months since your post office was threatened with closure. As a result of the Group's work, a new contract has been awarded to Cratloe Post Office until September 2016 at which time the contract will again be reviewed. As you may know, the Minister for Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, Alex White T.D. established the Post Office Network Business Development Group earlier this year to examine the potential and opportunities for new Government and commercial business that could be transacted through the post office network.



The group, chaired by entrepreneur Bobby Kerr who set up the Insomnia chain of cafes and was recently a 'dragon' on RTE's 'Dragon's Den', will comprise representation from An Post, the Irish Postmasters' Union and organisations from across the public and private sectors. It has received proposals for post offices to provide services to the community that would include basic banking, such as lodgements and withdrawal services, motor tax renewals, driver licence renewals and local authority payments. I have put forward a plan suggesting that a tourist information service be provided at Clare's post offices. If I can be of any help on any other community endeavours or in any other regard, you can contact me at my office in Shannon or Ennis or at one of my clinics.

