

To the Celtic support,

Several hours after Rangers won the SPL in May, a husband and father of four called Kevin McDaid was attacked and brutally murdered by bigots in Coleraine, County Derry in the North of Ireland.

The attackers had conspired in a public house to go and 'Kill a Taig', a Taig being a derogatory term for someone religiously Catholic and ethnically and nationally Irish. Kevin was viciously attacked and died as result of the injuries that had been brutally inflicted.

In the ensuing moments Kevin's wife was also attacked by the mob, leaving her with various bruises and two black eyes. Almost at the same time Damian Fleming a neighbour and friend of Kevin McDaid was also attacked, the modus operandi the same, a baying mob inflicting serious injuries around his head.

Amazingly Damian survived but is still in hospital today, over a month after the brutal attacks.

Celtic fans, both in Ireland and Scotland have decided it would be fitting if the Celtic family could come together and make a contribution to help in some way which will offer Mrs McDaid and her four children some financial security as they contemplate the future without a loving husband and father. Kevin, a lifelong Celtic supporter worked within the community to try to bring people together, perhaps ironically his presence in the streets that evening was to help diffuse tensions in and around the area.

A bank account has been opened in the North of Ireland with one sole purpose, to donate to the family of Kevin McDaid. The plan is that this account will remain open until 13th November 2009, at which time Kevin McDaid's widow will be able to withdraw the monies raised and use it as she sees appropriate in assisting in the upbringing of the four children.

I can appreciate that this is a time of year when people have to prioritise regarding financial outlay, many have to contend with a plethora of matters where expenditure is essential. If you can donate anything towards the future of the McDaid family it is a wonderful and worthwhile gesture and in many ways reinforces the whole concept of the Celtic family and is a gesture that is warmly appreciated by the whole McDaid family at such a difficult period, exacerbated by the fact there is still a death threat in place from bigots against Ryan McDaid, the oldest of the four children and a lifelong Celtic fan.

There is a minimum contribution of £1.00 or €1.00. If you are outwith the jurisdiction of both forms of currency then can we ask you apply that minimum to the currency where you reside. The bank account that has been opened will incur no expenses or charges, nor will be any monies withdrawn in the set time frame.

Alternatively, we would also be very receptive to any fundraising initiatives undertaken by individual Celtic Supporters Club's with some examples cited being football cards en route to matches, raffles, race nights, auctions etc. The envisaged outcome is that after 13th November 2009 the monies raised will be presented in the form of a cheque to Mrs McDaid and her family.

The first and only withdrawal from this account will be made by Mrs McDaid alongside those Celtic fans who have initiated this fantastic proposal.

This proposal is exclusively to raise funds for the McDaid family and has the support of the McDaid family and also the following -

Affiliation of Registered Celtic Supporters Clubs
Celtic Supporters Association
Association of Irish Celtic Supporters Clubs
Association of Donegal Celtic Supporters Clubs
North American Federation of Celtic Supporters Clubs
Celtic Trust

The banking details are -

First Trust Bank
156-160 Andersonstown Road
Belfast
BT11 9BY
Account name - Friends of McDaid family
Account number - 06816091
Sort Code - 93-84-75

International Acct no.: GB62FTBK93847506816091
Swift Code: FTBKGB2B

Methods of donation include -
Internet banking
Telephone banking
In person at your own bank or another branch of your own bank
In person at the bank above or another branch of First Trust.
Cheque
Cr edit/Debit card
Thank you to each and every one of you for any contribution.

Kevin McDaid -



Evelyn McDaid - This is the day after the murder of her husband

