

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
20th June, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. Via teleconferencing and Zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Karl Cashel (TCC), Cllr John Carroll, Cllr Joe Hannigan, Cllr Declan Burgess, Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC), Kate Cassidy (HSE), Adrian Cunneen (DEASP) **(7)**

Private Sector: Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Julie O'Halloran (PPN), Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh (PPN) **(5)**

Apologies: Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Pat Carroll (IFA), Donal Mullane (Teagasc), John O'Shaughnessy* (Business Pillar)

In Attendance: Pat Slattery (Chief Officer), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC), Marie Cox (TCC), Cliona Tobin (TCC)

*John O'Shaughnessy provided written decisions in relation to RDP projects

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u> The meeting was opened and all were welcomed.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum</p> <p>1.2 Conflict of Interest Members were advised that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.</p> <p>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>1.4 Ethics Documents Margo asked the committee to fill in and return the Ethics Documents forms for 2022.</p> <p>1.5 Screen Shot of meeting to show attendance A Screen Shot was taken of meeting attendance.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 20th June, 2022 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 16th May, 2022 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>SICAP Updates</u> Upcoming Mid-Year Review</p>

Margo informed the Committee of the new Sub Group members Tracey Tobin and Kate Cassidy. She stated 29th June is the deadline for Report to be submitted and a meeting will be held on 22nd June and the results will be sent out for approval.

Ukrainian Support through SICAP

Margo informed the Committee of the announcement from Minister Heather Humphries 5 million investment to support the Ukraine effort. Aileen Gilchrist Pobal are working out the details and allocation model will issue.

Margo and Pat are meeting SICAP Teams on 21st June.

Audit Report

Margo updated on the results of SICAP Audit report by LGAS, noted no major issues but recommendation will eb implemented.
The NTDC and STDC SICAP grants supports top Local Community Groups and Social Enterprises were presented to the LCDC for noting.

5. 5.1 LEADER

The written decision of John O’Shaughnessy (private sector) were in included in the decision-making process. Karl Cashen and Anthony Fitzgerald (Public Sector) left the meeting for the decision-making process in order to maintain a balance in favour of the private i.e. (5 public and 6 private)

5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Michael briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects. There were no projects to present to the May Meeting.

5.2 STCD CEO Report (Decision)

Isabel Cambie briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects and then outlined the details of the following STDC projects to the members:-

Project Code:	30LDRSTP117493
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Fethard Community Sport and Recreational Campus CLG
Description:	Fethard Town Park - Signage
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Local biodiversity
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€13,324.75
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A

Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	The main aims from the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines which correspond with this project are aims (a) to promote projects which support communities in a post-COVID-19 environment and (d) to explore and develop projects for funding in thematic areas which are likely to feature strongly in the next EU-funded programme. In this regard, projects which address the climate agenda, digital transformation and projects that utilise the Smart Village1 approach to local area development should be encouraged. Fethard Town Park is working very hard to build itself as a successful community hub after the impacts of covid-19 showing us how important our local outdoor amenities really are. This project promotes the outdoors and in turn creates positive impacts on climate change. The priorities from the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines which correspond with this project are priority (2) Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and priority (4) Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection, and the green economy. This project is about community building and about the promotion of green outdoor spaces.
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€17,765.00) = €13,324.75
Proposed by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Seconded by:	Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh
Absenters:	Yes – Anthony Fitzgerald, Karl Cashen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP117718
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Blueway Bike Hire
Description:	Blueway Bike Hire Expansion
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
Sub Theme:	Rural Tourism
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€17,050.50
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme:	This project meets Aim C and Priority 1 ie

Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	"Support job creation, entrepreneurship, enterprise development and innovation in a post-COVID-19 and/or post-Brexit environment. " "Supports to rural businesses seeking to reach new markets, expand, innovate and/or diversify in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic " as it seeks to support a local business to enhance their facilities and in turn ensure that this valuable rural tourism product is available to tourists coming to Tipperary. This will help create jobs and sustain the existing enterprise.
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€22,734.00) = €17,050.50
Proposed by:	Julie O'Halloran
Seconded by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Absenters:	Yes – Anthony Fitzgerald, Karl Cashel
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel Cambie declared a Conflict of Interest for the Tipperary Town Revitalisation CLG Project. This project will be decided at a LAG meeting as the quorum could not be reached in her absence.

5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)

LEADER project extension requests granted as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules:-

June-22					
Contract Extensions					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	Extensions Granted to	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRNTP113035	Phase II - Development of 2 Indoor and 2 Outdoor Tennis Courts	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	31/12/2022	Due to the implications of Covid-19 - Promoter has requested a further extension to complete project.
30LDRNTP110346	Community Athletics & Training Area Development	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	31/12/2023	Promoter is experiencing supply issue difficulties due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine (rubber track surface - which is made in Russia)
30LDRNTP111530	Lough Derg Discovery Points	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	30/12/2022	Final draft of report has gone out for screening and imputes from other partners. (Payment and final report will be complete in 2nd part of 2022)
30LDRNTP113454	Upgrade of Thurles Community Resource Centre - Capital Youth	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	30/12/2022	Snag list is currently being completed by MMT Builders - waiting engineers sign-off that all works have been completed

30LDRNTP114280	Cloughjordan House - Capital	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	30/12/2022	Due to the implications of Covid-19 - Promoter has requested a further extension to complete project.
30LDRNTP114579	Cloughjordan House Oat Milk (Analysis & Development).	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	30/12/2022	Due to the implications of Covid-19 - Promoter has requested a further extension to complete project.
30LDRNTP110518	Birdhill Community Sports Field 2	25/07/2022	30/06/2022	31/12/2022	The Promoters have experienced significant delays in the contract due to Covid, demands on contractors, shortages of materials due to supply chain issues etc. They are currently awaiting a site visit from the ESB to give us an up-to-date price on an ESB connection. Contact first made in March and are still waiting on this. They also are experiencing staffing difficulties at this time. They cannot proceed with the remainder of the project until an ESB connection is made as electricity is required for water pumps and sewerage/percolation systems. These are the final parts outstanding in their project
30LDRNTP112304	Roscrea Rugby Football Club - Feasibility Study	18/06/2020	30/06/2022	30/11/2022	Due to the implications of Covid-19 - Promoter has requested a further extension to complete project.

The project extension requests for up to 6 months were approved on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.

The request for re allocation of funding for Roscrea Rugby Football Club reference 30LDRNTP112304 was approved on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.

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Extension Requests up to 6-months to be noted (approved by Chief Officer)					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRSTP114561	Knockmealdown Active	30/06/2022		31/12/2022	Due to COVID 19 delays with the consultant appointed.
30LDRSTP114562	Knockmealdown Active	30/06/2022		31/12/2022	Due to COVID 19 delays with the consultant appointed.

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Extensions over 6-months - LCDC Approval

Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRSTP113134	Fethard & Killusty Community Ballroom CLG	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	31/12/2022	Due to COVID delays and issues with sourcing materials the project has taken longer than expected.
30STP111469	Youth Work Ireland Tipperary	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	31/12/2022	Delays with completing training programme due to covid
30LDRSTP114275	Fethard Regional Community Sport & Recreational Campus CLG	31/01/2022	31/07/2022	31/01/2023	Late commencement date due to COVID had meant that the project started later than expected and therefore will finish later than expected.

The project extension requests were approved on the proposal of Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.

In order to maintain a balance for decision making requirements Karl Cashen and Anthony Fitzgerald left the meeting. John O'Shaughnessy submitted his apologies and provided a written decision on the projects prior to the meeting.

5.4. To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)

The LEADER Income and Expenditure report for June 2022 was presented by Fiona Crotty.

The report was noted and approved on the proposal of Julie O'Halloran and seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.

5.5 IEC Recruitment

Fiona informed the Committee a Public Open Call was made in 2019 to fill vacancies on IEC Committees on both Development Companies. Plans to do further call to fill vacancies based on 2019 template will commence shortly.

5.6. AOB

Fiona referred to the Information Note from the Department of Rural and Community Development re LEADER Co-operation budgetary update 27 May 2022 a copy of which distributed with the Agenda for noting.

6.	<p><u>Town and Village Scheme 2022</u></p> <p>Margo stated that invitations for application for Expressions of Interest to make applications for Town and Village Renewal Scheme 2022 funding has commenced. EOI's should be emailed to townandvillage@tipperarycoco.ie by 1st July, 2022.</p>
7.	<p><u>Healthy Ireland</u></p> <p>Fiona updated the Committee stating Strand 3 has concluded and returned to Pobal.</p> <p>Kate Cassidy updated the Committee stating Healthy Communities posts are all in place.</p> <p>Fiona stated Stephanie O'Callaghan is promoting Healthy Communities initiative and the Healthy Ireland Sub Committee will reconvene.</p> <p>Pat Slattery informed the meeting that Dan Downey will be replaced by Aine Roche and wanted to acknowledge Dans work during his role with Healthy Ireland.</p>
8.	<p><u>LECP - High Level Goals</u></p> <p>Margo informed the Committee that she in touch regarding the Agency Consultation on High Level Goals. Members to provide comment as their input is vital at this stage as the plan will be for 6 years and it is important to get it right. The consultation will also be circulated through the advisory groups, Economic SOPC and other agencies e.g. CYPSC, Gardai, TUSLA and TUS.</p>
9.	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>Margo noted the Consultation documents for Public Libraries submitted with Agenda.</p> <p>Fiona noted the Transport Survey and Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO event details of which were sent out with the Agenda.</p>
10.	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p>None.</p>
11.	<p><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></p> <p>Monday 18th July, 2022 @ 10.00 a.m. via Zoom.</p> <p>A LAG Meeting will take place prior to the July meeting to review Tipperary Revitalisation Project if possible.</p>

Signed: Eoin Wolahan
Eoin Wolahan

Date: 18.07.2022

Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed: Pat Slattery

Date: 26/7/2022

Pat Slattery,
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee