

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held  
21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. Via teleconferencing and Zoom**

**Present:**

**Public Sector:** Cllr John Carroll, Cllr Joe Hannigan, Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Colin Cummins (TETB), Anne Ryan (HSE) **(5)**

**Private Sector:** Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Julie O'Halloran (PPN), Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN) **(6)**

**Apologies:** Karl Cashen (TCC), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Cora Horgan (PPN), Anthony Fitzgerald (LEO)

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

**Also In Attendance:-** Dr. Aidan O'Donnell, Music Generation Tipperary

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></b> The meeting was opened and all were welcomed.</p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b> Margo confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.</p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest</b> Members were advised that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions</b> Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p><b>1.4 Ethics Documents</b> Margo asked the committee to fill in and return the Ethics Documents forms for 2022.</p> <p>A Screen Shot was taken of meeting attendance.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u></b></p> <p>The Draft Agenda was agreed – Margo brought to the attention of the Committee two additional items under A.O.B. that was requested after the Agenda was circulated.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2022 &amp; Matters Arising (Decision)</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2022 were agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll, seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.</p>

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### **SICAP Updates**

Michael Murray updated the Committee on NTDC SICAP Report for March highlighting the work with Men's Sheds and Back to Work Enterprises with Start Your Own Business Course, Back to Work Readiness and Car Mechanics Course. Under Social Enterprise they are rolling out a training course for Managing Change and under Digital and Social Enterprise there is a small grant scheme.

Isabel Cambie updated the Committee on STDC SICAP Report for March under the following headings: -

#### Goal 1

- Resilient Communities
- Inclusive Communities (Traveller, Roma, Migrants and those in Direct Provision)
- Collaborative Engagement
- Responsive Communities

#### Goal 2

- Self- Employment Support
- Employment Support
- Soft Skills and Life Long Learning
- Disadvantaged Children and Families
- Youth Employment Support
- Promotions
- Additional Information

An advert for a Migrant Support worker was advertised in January. The Migrant Support Worker will assist STDC in delivering on the Actions regarding New Communities as set out in the STDC SICAP Action Plan 2022. A Community House is opening in Cahir and the same will be replicated in Fethard. On line training courses for business plan and development governance. Start your Own Business courses are taking place – 12 have signed up Working with TETB re Refugee Resettlement Programme.

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### **5.1 LEADER**

#### **5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)**

Michael Murray briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects. There were no projects to present to the March 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:	30LDRSTP117099
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Red City Kitchens Ltd, Carrick on Suir
Description:	Manufacturing Equipment Enhancement – (Rear Loading, Energy Efficient) Beam Saw. The purchase of a Beam Saw is seen as critical for the continued success and development of its business. Virtually all components manufactured in RCK pass through the beam saw. This is the first step in the manufacturing process. The reliability of this machine is crucial for

	the consistent and efficient manufacture of quality products.
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Enterprise Development
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:	€188,157.00
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 project supports Aim C of the Transitional Programme i.e. to support entrepreneurship, enterprise development and innovation in a post Covid / Post Brexit environment. The proposed enhancement of equipment at this manufacturing facility in Carrick on Suir will enable the promoter Red City Kitchens Ltd to grow and to meet the challenges and opportunities of post Brexit/COVID. The project also supports Priority 1 which specifically notes supports to rural businesses seeking new markets, expand, innovate and/or diversify in response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and/or Brexit.
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 (250,876.00) = €188,157.00
Proposed by:	Donal Mullane
Seconded by:	Anne Ryan
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP117298
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Aoife McGillicuddy T/A Galtee Honey Farm
Description:	Galtee Honey Farm Development. The mission of Galtee Honey Farm is "Protecting the Native Honey Bee of Ireland. Raw Irish Honey & Beeswax direct from the Beekeeper" ( <a href="https://www.galtee-honey.com">https://www.galtee-honey.com</a> ) The aim of the proposed project is to upgrade the Galtee Honey Farm premises to facilitate extra storage and packaging, enhance the biodiversity educational visitor experience with information signage, a projector and a fit for purpose bathroom.
Theme:	Rural Environment

Sub-theme:	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:	€26,192.95
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)	This project meets the aims and priorities of the Transitional Leader programme as it offers support to an innovative food business in a post-COVID environment (Aim c and Priority 1. "Supports to rural businesses seeking to reach new markets, expand, innovate and/or diversify in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and/or Brexit, with a particular emphasis on providing support to businesses in the food sector". It also meets priority 4. "Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy".
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 (€34,923.94) = €26,192.95
Proposed by:	Sean O'Farrell
Seconded by:	Donal Mullane
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

### **5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)**

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

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Extensions Requests for Projects to be noted up to 6 months (Approved by Chief Officer)					
Project ID	Project Name	Original Closing Date	Previous Extension to	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRSTP1 14641	Coniaka Ltd	31/03/2022		30/09/2022	Covid-19 related delays

30LDRSTP1 14657	Monard Hall Committee	14/04/2022		30/09/2022	Covid-19 related delays
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The project extension requests for up to 6 months were approved on the proposal of Anne Ryan, seconded by Cllr John Carroll.

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Extensions over 6-months - LCDC Approval

Project ID	Project Name	Original Closing Date	Previous Extension to	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRSTP1 08043	Camphill Community Grangemockler	02/06/2020	19/01/2022	31/12/2022	Covid-19 related delays

The project extension request was approved on the proposal of Donal Mullane seconded by Sean O'Farrell.

#### **5.4 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)**

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

The report was approved on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll and seconded by Anne Ryan.

#### **5.5. Notice of LAG Annual Report 2021 and Implementation Plan 2022**

Templates for Tipperary Leader Annual Progress Report 2021 and Implementation Plan 2022 along with the Budgetary Progress Report were received from the Department in early March. Fiona will circulate for completion by Monday next 28<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **5.6. AOB**

Fiona informed the meeting that she intends to invite both North and South Tipperary Development Company staff Sara Bourke and Patrick Killeen to the April LCDC Meeting to discuss the projects application process.

### **6. Healthy Ireland**

#### **6.1 Healthy Tipperary Strand 3 Funding**

Fiona Crotty noted that Strand 3 Healthy Ireland funding concludes on the 31<sup>st</sup> March with salary for the coordinator to be provided to the 31<sup>st</sup> of May to close out Strand 3. No addendum has been received to provide for this extension as at date of meeting.

	<p>All partners have to make end of funding returns on Strand 3 funding and report to be submitted to Pobal by 6<sup>th</sup> May on Strand 3 funded actions. Fiona recommended that Dan Downey Healthy Tipperary Coordinator will attend the May meeting and provide a report on the Strand 3 outcomes and final budget. Each local authority has received a revised job description for the Healthy Tipperary Coordinator role that is being streamlined nationally and this recruitment process will commence shortly.</p> <p>As at date of the meeting no further information is available in relation to Strand 4 funding from June 2022.</p> <p><b><u>6.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel Update</u></b></p> <p>Anne Ryan updated the Committee on behalf of Derval Howley for Healthy Communities Clonmel. Wexford Waterford and Clonmel are pilot sites for Slaintecare Healthy Communities for Social Prescribing Programme, Healthy Food Made Easy, Parenting Programme and We Can Quit. Health Promotion Improvement Officers and Social Prescriber link workers have been appointed. Tipperary County Council have completed their recruitment process and the Healthy Communities Local Development Officer for Clonmel will commence in April.</p> <p>The Healthy Tipperary and Healthy Communities Clonmel will report to the LCDC through the Health and Wellbeing subcommittee.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Presentation by Dr Aidan O'Donnell, Music Generation</u></b></p> <p>Dr Aidan O'Donnell, Music Development Officer, Music Generation Tipperary gave a presentation to the Committee on the services provided to create access to performance music education across Tipperary for 0-18 year olds. A team of 29 Musician Educators with the options to learn online or in person and instruments can be hired. A copy of the presentation will be sent to the Committee for their information.</p>
8.	<p><b><u>LECP Preparation – Advisory Group Update</u></b></p> <p>Margo informed the Committee a formal LECP Advisory Group met on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and will meet next week again before the end of the month. They will be working with the same data in the formulation of high-level goals and review the last plan. A Gantt Chart will be used to track the actions of the actions Pat stated there is a formal Working Group and an Advisory Group in place and they will keep the LCDC up to date.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>Correspondence, Submissions &amp; Consultations</u></b></p> <p>Margo informed the committee that the Department of Children, Equality Disability, Integration and Youth sent on circular re FAQs for displaced Ukrainians basically signposting them to helpful websites.</p> <p>None.</p>
10.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Annual Plan for LCDC</u></b></p> <p>Margo stated the plan is drafted up and will be completed in the next week and sought for approval in principle from the Committee. Fiona stated the final</p>

LCDC Annual Report and LEADER Annual Report will be circulated together for your information.

Approval was granted on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll, seconded by Julie O'Halloran.

### **Ukraine Refugee Crisis**

Pat Slattery informed the Committee that the Crisis Management Team had two meetings over the weekend and have secured 50 spaces in hotel rooms in Clonmel and Tipperary for refugees.

He suggested setting up support structure or coordinator role similar to the Covid-19 Community Call where they met weekly and shared information where local volunteers, charities as well as community groups rallied together to get a system in place to respond to the crisis.

The Refugee Crisis requires accommodating people initially, language interpretation, travel, integration amongst other requirements like clothing, food, signing up for benefits etc.

He asked if the LCDC wanted to get involved in overseeing or coordinating a group to support this crisis.

Colin informed the Committee that the Enterprise and Training Board have a response group for immediate education response and if he could link with Pat to see where accommodation is mapping out then the ETB could liaise with local schools in that area.

Pat agreed and stated it is important to coordinate. If there are any queries feed in to Council and we can share with the group.

### **LCDC Committee update**

Eoin informed the meeting that Sean O'Farrell is leaving his position on the LCDC to take up position with NTDC. He stated Sean has been on the LCDC since 2017 and his departure will be a loss to the Committee and he wished him well in his new role.

Pat joined with Eoin and stated that our loss is NTDCs gain and he added that he was sure Sean would 'keep a stick at our back' to drive on the themes he is so passionate about.

Sean thanked the Committee and said he enjoyed his time of the Committee and he is looking forward to working with Michael.

Isabel joined in the good wishes for Sean in his new role.

Margo informed the Committee that Imelda Walsh was stepping down off the LCDC and Baden Powell has been nominated to replace her seat once it has been ratified at the April Council Meeting.

Eoin informed the Committee he wasn't aware of Imelda's departure from the Committee until now and he thanked Imelda for her great work and added she has been an Ambassador for the farming community. She is the first female to hold the position as Chair of the IFA. He wished her well in her endeavors.

A formal letter will be drafted up on behalf of the Chair of the Committee.

### **11. Date and form of next meetings**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 at the Conference Room, Littleton Community Sports Centre at 10.00 a.m.

**Signed:** Eoin Wolahan  
Eoin Wolahan

**Date:** 05.05.2022

**Signed:** Pat Slattery  
Pat Slattery,  
Chief Officer,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

**Date:** 9/5/2022