Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held 16th December, 2019 in Littleton and Moycarkey-Borris Community and **Sports Centre, Littleton**

Present:

Public Sector:

Cllr John Carroll (Chair), Cllr Joe Hannigan, Adrian Cunneen

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Private Sector:

Isabel Cambie (STDC), Michael Murray (NTDC), Charles Stanley Smith (PPN), Martin Quinn (PPN), Eoin Wolahan (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN), John Lupton (PPN), Mike

Edwards (PPN), Imelda Walsh (IFA), (9)

Apologies:

Private Sector:

Cora Horgan (PPN), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar)

Public Sector:

Karl Cashen (TCC), Pat Slattery (TCC, Chief Officer), Cllr Declan Burgess, Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Ann Ryan (HSE), Anthony Fitzgerald (Tipperary LEO), Bernadette Cullen

(Tipperary ETB)

In Attendance: Shane O'Dwyer (TCC), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty

(TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC) Paul Devane (TCC)

1.	To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements Cllr John Carroll (Chair) opened the meeting welcomed all present and noted apologises. Margo Hayes was invited to deputise as Chief Officer in the absence of Pat Slattery. Cllr John Carroll (Chair) welcomed Mike Edwards to his first meeting of the LCDC as the alternate for Cora Horgan.
	1.1 Quorum Margo Hayes confirmed that a quorum had been achieved to proceed with the meeting.
	1.2 Conflict of Interest Cllr John Carroll (Chair) advised member that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.
	1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision None arising
2.	Approval of Draft Agenda The draft agenda was agreed.
3.	<u>Confirmation of Minutes</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 18 th of

November 2019 were agreed on the proposal of John Lupton and

seconded by Martin Quinn

Matters Arising

None

4. SICAP

Margo Hayes updated the committee on the SICAP annual planning process. The NTDC and STDC annual plans were uploaded to the IRIS system on the 22nd of November. The LCDC Social Inclusion Sub Group met on the 12th of December to review the plans and a report is being prepared for the LCDC. Margo Hayes informed the members that there will be a 3% increase in the SICAP budget for 2020. She also told the committee that SICAP KPI 2 was being reduced. This was in light of the improved economic situation resulting in a reduction in unemployment. She said that the figure for beneficiaries was being reduced from 538 to 485. An interim payment covering January and February of quarter one will be made to the companies with the remaining payment being made pending approval of the annual plans. This will be €92,580.33 of €138870.50 for NTDC and €108,850.83 of €163,276.25 for STDC. These payments were agreed on the proposal of Adrian Cunneen and seconded by Eoin Wolohan.

The committee was briefed on the SICAP verification visits which had taken place. Margo Hayes outlined that verification checks were carried out on sample files and financials at both North and South Development Companies. This is to comply with the recommendations of the Internal Audit report and recommended best practice. A report based on the site verification visits is being prepared and will be presented to the LCDC. These verification visits will now take place twice a year going forward.

5. 5.1 LEADER

5.1.1 - To Decide on NTDC Applications

Documents circulated for consideration by the members were the Project Evaluation Assessment Report and completed IEC Scoring Sheet for each application together with IEC meeting minutes. In addition, an Implementing Partner CEO Report to LCDC Chief Officer with details of the project including deadweight, displacement, rationale for grant aid, consistency with the Local Development Strategy and Operating Rules, IEC score and recommendation, and A48 Checking process undertaken was circulated for the consideration of members.

In relation to the NTDC project, the members were taken through this by Michael Murray.

Project Code:	30LDRntp110346 2673					
Promoter Code:						
Promoters Name:	NTDC/Clare LDC/Galway LDC					
Promoters Name: Description:	The Lough Derg Discovery Points project is concerned with completing all necessary pre-development works for the development of 6 sites around Lough Derg as key viewing					

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	points/vistas. This project was first identified as part of the Lough Derg Roadmap 2014-2017 and is one of the few outstanding actions remaining from this strategy. The Lough Derg Marketing Group have worked together to identify 6 sites – 2 in each county – around the lake that encompass a broad range of aspects. They include the following Portroe Lookout and Castlelough (Co Tipperary), Dromann Harbour and Ogonnelloe (Co Clare) and Ben Hill and Portumna Recreation Area (Co Galway).
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Rural Tourism Strategic Marketing and Promotion
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:	Grant awarded €6000 (78.05% of €23,062.50 = €18,000, i.e. €6,000 per LAG/Partner)
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €6000 (78.05% of €23,062.50 = €18,000, i.e. €6,000 per LAG/Partner)
Proposed by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	Michael Murray
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRntp110346 [Lough Derg Discovery Points] Michael Murray declared a conflict of interest and absented himself from the meeting while it was being considered. Charles Stanley Smith said that he hoped the new viewing points will be more visually appealing than previous developments. Cllr Joe Hannigan asked who had decided the location of the points and questioned why two points were within a mile of each other. Michael Murray said that he would query this and added that this project was part of the Lough Derg development roadmap. Cllr Joe Hannigan said that an economic opportunity was being missed and that there are too many entities coordinating tourism in the region. He said the lookout is famous and that there would greater value to having the points in different locations. John Lupton said that he agreed with Cllr Hannigan but supported the project. He thought it would be better if the project had a focused defined direction like the Wild Atlantic Way. Fiona Crotty told the members that Tipperary Tourism could attend the LCDC to outline the Tipperary Tourism Strategy and National Strategies if required at a future date so that projects could be taken in this context.

Project Code:	30LDRntp110346	
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Promoter Code:	8118
Promoters Name:	Newport Community Project, C/o Aoife
	Kennedy
Description:	Community Athletics & Training Area Development - The proposed project includes excavation & earthworks at site, development of a 4 lane 200 metre running track, 60 m sprint trace and walk track around the perimeter. Development of a 65m x 35m astro-turf playing pitch, appropriate fencing around the running track and playing pitch and installation of lighting to track and pitch area. This development would be the first of its kind in Newport and the surrounding areas with the closest outdoor running track over 20km away. There are letters of support from a wide variety of different groups in Newport and other local areas included in the application. This facility will be used by all ages in the area ranging from the local childcare facilities right up to the local Day Care centre for the elderly and all ages in between. This facility will be made available to the entire population in Newport and the surrounding areas through a very transparent system. The Promoters will be encouraging all to use the facility with emphasis on the hard to reach, struggling
	and vulnerable.
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub-theme:	Rural Towns
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:	Grant awarded €200,000, 63.29% of €316,007.83
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €200,000, 63.29% of €316,007.83
Proposed by:	Clir Joe Hannigan
Proposed by: Seconded by:	
	Clir Joe Hannigan

In relation to project 30LDRntp110346 [Newport Community Project] John Lupton asked if there was a social inclusion policy included. Michael Murray confirmed that there is. John Lupton asked if the facility will be under the control of the National School and if it would be available outside of school opening hours. Michael Murray said that the community group would manage the facility and that they had a 15 year lease. John Lupton said that here was certainly a need for such a facility in Newport. Cllr Joe Hannigan asked if the group's source of match funding was a sports capital grant. Michael Murray said that he did not think so and added that the project would have to be considered at today's LCDC because of the sunset clause.

Michael Murray pointed out that much work has been done in Co Tipperary on Tourism including Ireland's Hidden Heartlands initiative, pilgrimage paths (Ormond Way) and the national walks scheme. Cllr Joe Hannigan acknowledged this work.

5.1.2 - To Decide on STDC Applications

Documents circulated for consideration by the members were the Project Evaluation Assessment Report and completed IEC Scoring Sheet for each application together with IEC meeting minutes. In addition, an Implementing Partner CEO Report to LCDC Chief Officer with details of the project including deadweight, displacement, rationale for grant aid, consistency with the Local Development Strategy and Operating Rules, IEC score and recommendation, and A48 Checking process undertaken was circulated for the consideration of members.

In relation to the STDC project, the members were taken through this by Isabel Cambie.

Project Code:	30STP111757				
Promoter Code:	6820				
Promoters Name:	Munster Vales Clg				
Description:	Munster Vales requires the development of a new five year strategic tourism development plan to grow the brand Munster Vales across the region and support the development of existing and new visitors experience in Munster Vales region.				
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:	Grant awarded €17,527.50, 75% of €23,370.00				
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.				
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €17,527.50, 75% of €23,370.00				
Proposed by:	Eoin Wolahan				
Seconded by:	John Lupton				
Absenters:	Isabel Cambie				
Agreed by Board:	Yes				
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes				

In relation to project 30STP111757 [Munster Vales CLG] Isabel Cambie declared a conflict of interest and absented herself from the meeting while it was being considered. Sean O'Farrell asked if the O'Sullivan Beare route was included. Isabel Cambie said that the route did not pass through the Munster Vales area. John Lupton said

that it was a good project but lacked context and required a direction. Eoin Wolohan said that he supported the project but it lacked an overall strategy. Cllr Joe Hannigan also supported the project but commented that it never made sense to him why parts of Tipperary were included in Ireland's Ancient East. He praised the addition of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands. Isabel Cambie explained that Bord Failte was the national body responsible for tourism strategy. Ireland's Ancient East sat underneath this then Munster Vales and finally Tipperary Tourism. She said each layer is linked and speak to one another. She said that four counties were committed to Munster Vales and a full time worker was employed to support it.

In relation to project 30STP111490 [Clonmel Town FC Ltd] Isabel Cambie informed the meeting that this project was being deferred until the next meeting as the full application has not been available for A48 checking in advance of this meeting.

Project Code:	30STP111497
Promoter Code:	2380
Promoters Name:	South Tipperary Development Clg
Description:	Provide basic IT equipment for 8 Community Broadband Connection Points, to enable them to become rural digital hubs
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Broadband
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:	Grant awarded €12,059.04, 75% of €16,078.72
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €12,059.04, 75% of €16,078.72
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Charles Stanley Smith
Absenters:	Isabel Cambie
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30STP111497 [Provide basic IT equipment for 8 Community Broadband Connection Points] Isabel Cambie declared a conflict of interest and absented herself from the meeting while it was being considered. Charles Stanley Smith questioned whether the broadband would be rolled out in time for the communities to take up the IT equipment. Fiona Crotty said that we would have to operate on the assumption that it would rolled out on time and that the areas identified have been prioritised for Broadband under the National Broadband Plan and approved at Tipperary County Council. Cllr Joe Hannigan said that his area only recently got high speed broadband and while the take up was over 70% he has been

informed that in some areas it had been less than 25%. He asked whether 5G technology would make it obsolete. Charles Stanley Smith said that some areas aren't due to receive a connection until 2027. Fiona Crotty pointed out that the equipment would be available to the communities once they had received a connection to support that community facility to maximise the opportunity provided by the broadband provision. Sean O'Farrell asked how the equipment was to be safe guarded. Mike Edwards asked if a training plan would be put in place for the communities once the equipment had been installed. Isabel Cambie said that there will be a written agreement between the STDC and the community groups regarding access, storage and management of the equipment. Fiona Crotty said the every effort will be made to support the hubs. The rollout of high speed broadband under the National Broadband Plan was the first step, the installation of IT equipment is the second and training would follow.

Project Code:	STP110338
Promoter Code:	2361
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Mid West Radio Cooperative Society Limited
Description:	Construction and Fitout of a new studio in Cashel and installation of a new desk at the Tipperary Studio
Theme:	2: Social Inclusion Action
Sub-theme:	5.1 Basic Services for Hard to Reach Groups
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:	Grant awarded €200,000, 73.35573% of €272,644
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €200,000, 73.35573% of €272,644
Proposed by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Seconded by:	John Lupton
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to STP110338 [Tipperary Mid West Radio Cooperative Society Limited] John Lupton asked who the beneficial owners of Tipperary Mid West Radio are. Isabel Cambie said that it is cooperative society. Martin Quinn said the shares were bought by individuals when it was formed.

5.2 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report

The LEADER Income and Expenditure January to December 2019 report was presented to the LCDC and agreed. Cllr Joe Hannigan asked if there was an update on the future of the LEADER

programme beyond 2020. Charles Stanley Smith said that the new common agriculture policy (CAP) will almost certainly have a smaller budget but would be expected to deliver the same programme. Imelda Walsh said that the process was being delayed because of uncertainty over Brexit and the British Elections. Isabel Cambie pointed out that the Irish government also contributes to LEADER (35%) and could make up any shortfall in funding. She also said that the previous month's workshop had highlighted the loss of animators to the programme. John Lupton asked if the budget suffered a substantial cut what would the outcome be. Michael Murray said that other avenues of funding would have to investigate such as the town and village renewal scheme. Cllr Joe Hannigan pointed out that this scheme required communities to put 20% of funding upfront and this was quite onerous.

5.3 To note and approve LEADER project extension requests granted as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules

The STDC extension requested were approved on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Martin Quinn.

	STDC LEADER Project extensions to be approved									
File	Promoter	Original	Extension	Rationale for						
Reference		Closing	Time	Extension						
		Date								
STP 107522	Una O Dwyer Ltd T/A Cashel Fine Foods	31.12.19	6 Months - to 30.06.20	The promoter needs time to make a retention payment						
STP 108402	KPlan Community Centre CLG	31.12.19	6 months - to 30.06.20	The promoter has run into a delay in starting the project						
	STDC LEADER			noted						
File No	Promoter	Original Closing Date	Extension Time	Rationale for Extension						
STP 108044	New Inn Community Centre	01.12.19	4 Months - to 01.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to make payments on the project						
STP 108456	Munster Vales	01.12.19	4 months - to 01.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to make payments on the						

				project
STP 108315	STDC – Community Energy Audit	31.12.19	4 months - to 30.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to complete the paperwork
STP 108319	STDC – Community Facility Management Plan	31.12.19	4 months - to 30.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to complete the paperwork

The NTDC extensions were approved on the proposal Cllr Joe Hannigan and seconded by John Lupton.

Project IC	Pro	ject Nam	Con Con	Contra ct Comple tion Date		Requested Extension	Reason	
30LDRNTP 102881	Shop	Local Co-op Shop & Heritage Centre		31/07/ 2019		29/07/2020	The Promoters have made their final payment to architect Derek Coulter for this stage of the project, and are currently putting their claim together. they would like to please request a final extension through to 29th July 2020.	
	E	xtensions	over 12	2-mo	nths - D	epartment Ap	proval	
Project ID	Proje ct Name	Contr act Comp letion Date	1 Year exten sion expire	n	tensio over 12- onths	Re	ason	Department approval

30LDRN TP10297 2	Reloca te Compu ter & Contro l equip ment for Fish Count er at Ballyar tella Wier	18/1 2/20 18	17/12/ 2019	30th June 2020	OPW have agreed to fit a protective barrier in front of fish counter and finishing the project is hinged on when OPW complete the barrier (detailed letter sent in by promoter). The promoter has submitted current TC details and bank statement to prove solvency.	Receiv ed deroga tion from Depart ment for extensi on over 1 year on the 18th Novem ber 2019 - deroga tion docum entatio n upload ed on the CRM
30LDRN TP10297 5	Blackc astle Theatr e Compa ny Ltd Hall Renov ation	18/1 2/20 18	17/12/ 2019	18th March 2020	All of the work has now been completed and payments has been made to the contractor. The Promoter is seeking the extension to ensure that all the paperwork has been gathered, submitted and processed before the contract expires. The promoter has submitted current TC details and bank statement to prove solvency.	Receiv ed deroga tion from Depart ment for extensi on over 1 year on the on the 18th Novem ber 2019 - deroga tion docum entatio n upload ed on the CRM
30LDRN TP10290 7	Biodiv ersity Sensor Y Comm unity Play Garde n	10/0 1/20 19	09/01/ 2020	8 th July 2020	The project is 80% complete but there are some elements to complete which needs good weather especially the car park which is being done by volunteers. The promoter has submitted current TC details and bank statement to prove solvency.	Receiv ed deroga tion from Depart ment for extensi on over 1 year on the on the 9th Decem ber 2019 -

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5.4 Any Other Matters/Updates

Shane O'Dwyer said that the agenda item addressing the division of the additional €500,000 LEADER funding was being deferred. He said this was because the development companies would be presenting an alternative proposal. Both would be put before the LCDC for decision and both proposals would be circulated with the January agenda to enable members to review before the January meeting. Cllr Joe Hannigan asked if their project queued up for this funding. Michael Murray said they were oversubscribed. Seán O'Farrell asked if a proportion of the additional funding could be ring fenced for sustainability, local food and the environment. Michael Murray said this would be for the LCDC to decide.

Margo Hayes has briefed the committee on the main takeaways from the LCDC workshop held on the 18th of November. It was agreed that over the last 5 year the Co Tipperary LCDC has been established as

over the last 5 year the Co Tipperary LCDC has been established as an effective committee, providing good opportunities for oversight and targeting resources. The relationships with the PPN and the Local Development Companies are very strong and networking opportunities provided through the LCDC are valued immensely.

Recommendations from the LCDC workshop- November 2019

Recommendation for 2020

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- 1. Questions can be submitted in advance of meetings by members
- 2. 2 -3 sites visits a year across the programme areas (RDP/SICAP and Healthy Ireland)
- More space for SICAP at the meeting- qualitative report on work carried out by CEO/Project workers and testimonials by Local Community Groups and Individuals (Social Inclusion subgroup)
- 4. Expanding on strategic themes and issues-Identify other avenues or potential work to bring to the county –It was agreed that this task be given to the Sustainable Communities Subgroup to progress
- Increased role for LCDC in Town & Village Renewal Scheme, to progress community plans
- 6. Induction process to be introduced for new members

- a. "toolbox talk" for new members (one to one) by experienced members
- b. IEC process/procedures to be provided for LCDC members
- 7. Incorporation of PPN Community wellbeing process –(also through the PPN)
- 8. Increase Public awareness of the LCDC process- through contract signings/social media/publicity
- 9. Need for animators; complex issues require expertise to help communities build into next RDP process (especially in relation to supporting projects relating to Climate change Biodiversity loss and the local economy. In order to have these project brought to the table, they need an enabler to work with groups)
- 10.LCDC to establish national policy influence and proactively input into development of new programme guidelines

Seán O'Farrell asked for Margo Hayes to expand upon point 4. Margo Hayes said that the LCDC has the potential to be a decision maker in other areas of work and this issue was being referred to the Sustainable Communities Sub group to further investigate. John Lupton said that it was important that a review process be introduced. Eoin Wolohan said that the workshop had been very beneficial. Seán O'Farrell said that had been very well delivered. Cllr John O'Carroll (Chair) suggested that the Tipperary Energy Agency, the Sustainable Energy Authority Of Ireland and LAWPRO be brought in to present to the LCDC. This could be done to better understand the difficulties in delivering water, renewable energy, biodiversity and environmental projects.

7. Healthy Tipperary

Fiona Crotty informed the meeting that the Healthy Tipperary round 3 actions was still awaiting approval from Pobal. She said the 'Changing Rooms' action had been removed as Pobal viewed this as improving commercial premises. She said that rather than adding a new action it had been decided to increase the budgets of the remaining actions. She hoped that approval will be forthcoming from Pobal in the coming week. She added that some actions had already begun.

Martin Quinn briefed the LCDC on a recent meeting he had with Deputy Simon Harris TD, Minister for Health on services in Tipperary for stroke survivors. He impressed upon the Minister the need for a stroke survivors support group in the county. He said this would require the employment of a full time coordinator. He described the meeting as very positive and that the Minister committed to help and also to attend a Stroke Support Conference in Clonmel scheduled on the 24th of February 2020.

Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations
Margo Hayes briefed the committee on the Local Economic and Community Plan review process. These reviews take place twice a year where updates are received from action leads. The review has been rescheduled for January 9 th after which Margo Hayes will revert to the LCDC and SPC with an update.
Any Other Business
Eddie Meegan updated the LCDC on the Community Enhancement Programme and the Men's and Women's Sheds funding. The Community Enhancement Programme closed on the 30 th of November but as there was still funding available it was decided to run a second round. Six groups were contacted and four have accepted additional funding. Ten Men's and Women's Sheds were contacted regarding additional funding three of which have been paid and seven have yet to respond. It is expected that all funds will be allocated by the end of the year.
Date of next meeting To be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 20th of January in the Littleton and Moycarkey-Borris Community and Sports Centre, Littleton.

Signed:

Cllr. John Carroll,

Date: 20/1/20

Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed:

Pat Slattery,

Chief Officer,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

