

# Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Tipperary Local Community and Development Committee held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at Littleton Community Centre, Thurles.

## Present:

**Public Sector:** Rita Guinan, Cllr. John Carroll, Donal Mullane, Adrian Cunneen, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Angela Joy.

**Private Sector:** Charles Stanley Smith, Michael Murray, Isabel Cambie, Sara Bourke, Clare Cashman, Cora Horgan, Catherine Guest, Brian Cleary, Tim Cullinane.

## Apologises: -

**Public Sector:** Joe Mac Grath, Eileen Condon, Cllr. Joe Hannigan.

**In attendance:** Sinéad Carr, Ann Ryan, Attracta Lyons, Breda O'Connor, Margo Hayes.

1. The Members agreed the draft agenda.
2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2015** - Proposed by: Brian Cleary and seconded by Clare Cashman.

It was noted that there was no matters arising.

3. **Amendments to LCDC Standing Orders – as a result of RDP Operating Guidelines – Ann Ryan**

Ann Ryan referred to the amendments report to Tipperary LCDC Standing Orders which was issued with the agenda. Ms. Ryan confirmed that the Operating guidelines of the Local Development Strategy required that an amendment be inserted to Tipperary LCDC Standing Orders, in relation to the decision making process related to the Local Development Strategy to include:-

A minimum 60% of LCDC (LAG) at least 5 public and 7 private members are present during decisions on project funding. This requirement applies to decisions validated by the LAG membership after all relevant conflict of interest issues have been addressed.

The requirement for a **60% quorum** for decision making will be supported by a written decision making procedure that allows flexibility and makes it easier to meet the 60% requirement. However, individual LCDC members will only be allowed to vote by written procedure in a maximum of 1 out of every four consecutive LAG (relevant LCDC Meeting) meetings. LAG member will be provided with the relevant documentation and indicate his/her vote in advance of the meeting. It was also noted that decisions related to the LDS should be made by consensus where possible and the Chairperson of the LAG does not have a casting vote. Meetings should be postponed and rescheduled when a quorum cannot be raised. The members considered and agreed to these

amendments on the proposal of Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan and seconded by Angela Joy. A copy of the revised standing orders will be issued to all members by email.

#### **4. SICAP Update (Approval of one monthly payment January 2016) – Ann Ryan**

Ms. Ryan gave an overview of the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme to date also confirming that this contract runs until 2017. However, this programme is subject to an annual performance review and a meeting of specific service targets. Ms. Ryan confirmed that the LCDC will be responsible for carrying out the performance review with Pobal having a support role as the Department of Environment Community & Local Government agent.

It was noted that the Programme Implementers will submit their end of year report by 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 and the Social Inclusion sub group will meet after this date to review this end of year report. Pobal will also carry out a parallel review and also report back to the LCDC. The timeline for the LCDC to complete this review is 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. The LCDC has to issue a one month payment of quarter one to the Programme Implementers by 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2016; (Payments of €43,213.44 to NTLP and payment of €50,324.11 to STDC) this payment request was agreed on the proposal of Clare Cashman and seconded by Angela Joy.

The timelines for SICAP Annual Plan for 2016 were also outlined and the members noted same. At the January 2016 meeting the LCDC will carry out the SICAP 2015 review and also consider the 2016 Annual Plan for both SICAP lots in the county.

#### **5. LECP – consideration of submissions report and recommendation; MD statements - Attracta Lyons**

Attracta Lyons referred to the draft LECP report on the public consultation phase to cover the period 7<sup>th</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November together with the written submissions received. Ms. Lyons went through each submission and identified where these submissions can be incorporated into this high level priority framework. Ms. Lyons also referred to the submission received from the Southern Regional Assembly the members noted their recommendations.

Ms. Lyons outlined the issues that the Municipal District Members raised at the October Municipal District meetings. Ms. Lyons confirmed to the members that the Municipal District inputs would be taken on board and Ms Lyons confirmed that all Municipal Districts passed the draft LECP by resolution.

The final LECP Plan will be sent to the Regional Assembly in mid December as the Regional Assembly has been directed by the Department to consider all the LECP Plans in the region together. However, Tipperary LCDC is requesting that the Tipperary LECP Plan will be considered in December so that it can be adopted by Tipperary County Council in early 2016.

On the proposal of Brian Cleary and seconded by Sara Bourke the submissions report and recommendations were agreed.

#### **6. Consideration of Local Development Strategy – Isabel Cambie & MI Murray**

The draft Local Development Strategy document was circulated to the members at the meeting. The Members agreed that Isabel Cambie and Michael Murray would take them through the actions in the draft Plan which outlined the local objective and the estimated budget per local objective.

The members key comments were noted as follows:-

- The need to include reference to the various strategies (as well as the LECP) completed or about to be complete which will inform spending such as Tourism Strategy; Sports Strategy; Playground Policy; Arts Strategy; Heritage Strategy; County Development Plan; existing District Service Centre/Village Improvement Schemes; Biodiversity Plan; Renewable Energy Plan
- The need to put in a strong piece around existing programme funds from DSP; SICAP; LEO; TCC; ETB; Tusla and other organisations and note that these will be referenced when considering applications in the context of where the application would be most appropriate; if it is duplicating; if it is meeting an existing gap and/or where it is adding value knowingly to these programmes
- Outputs must be appropriate to the cost – i.e. value for money must be obvious (look at issues such as cost per job; cost per initiative etc). Also need to ensure we have the staff to deliver on the actions – if not, need to re-prioritise

The more detailed comments by members are included in Appendix 1. It was agreed that the comments and detailed recommendation made by the Members on the draft LDS will be included in the draft Plan. It was also confirmed that the draft Plan will go for further public consultation on the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> November and following this consultation the full copy of the Local Development Strategy will be brought to the Members for consideration and approval at the December LCDC meeting.

Michael Murray informed the meeting that Sean Crowley will be leaving NTLP at the end of November. The Members thanked Mr. Crowley for his contribution and commitment through serving the Communities of North Tipperary in implementing previous Leader Programmes. The Chair together with the Members wished Mr. Crowley every success for the future and thanked him for his time and tremendous work to date on the draft Plan. A thank you letter from the members to Mr. Crowley will be issued.

## **7. Agreement on LCDC Logo**

This item was deferred to the December meeting for consideration.

## **8. Correspondence**

The Chief Officer confirmed she is still awaiting a Trade Union nominee. It was agreed that if the Trade Union were not in a position to nominate a member, the Chief Officer would seek approval from the full County Council to appoint a nominee from a relevant sector.

#### 9. AOB & date of next meeting

It was agreed that the LCDC meetings for 2016 will take place on the last Thursday of each month. A meeting schedule will be circulated.

The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December; the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and contribution.

(Please note that the date for the December meeting has subsequently changed to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December in Inch House, Nenagh Road, Thurles)

## APPENDIX 1

### Recommendations by the Members in consideration of the draft LDS

Local Objective No. 1 – Rural Tourism	
1.	Ensure that all tourism projects/programmes are preceded by the emphasis on Collaborative Processes/projects and integrated Tourism products -
2.	Failte Ireland currently working on a capital investment plan (in the region of 106 million for Tourism and focus on training and community capacity and a need to develop skills sets of trade) The LDS to build on this capital and not to duplicate it unless knowingly adding value
3.	Increase amount in marketing 1.3 to €300,000 to be taken from accommodation side action 1.4 which is now €182,103
4.	LCDC to work at skills forum put this into the collaboration Chapter (develop local protocol)
5	A comment needs to be noted in the LDS/Operating guidelines with regarding to a collaborative approach and that the plan was developed consciously not to duplicate - but to add value to fill gaps

Local Objective No. 2 – Enterprise Development	
1.	(2.2) - Include travellers men (Tipperary Rural Traveller /non Irish nationals
2.	Focus on 10 employees
3.	Focus on social economy gaps and to provide support to develop and sustain social enterprises  Use farm based female entrepreneurs (leave out WIB) – disadvantage women in rural areas

	Develop protocol further and support to grow business
4.	Some programme Grant fund for SICAP supported people - pre development and engagement with the more vulnerable  SICAP Training –start up capital maybe looked at by LEO funding stream?
5	No change to budget
6.	LCDC may have the ability to show case the wealth of knowledge sharing - no cost factor
7.	Define SME indigenous 10 +up to - come up with figure Could this name be changed to SSIF smaller scale indigenous firms?
8	Look at wording no duplication but could be used knowingly to lever additional activity if it is appropriate
9.	Give page of definitions

Local Objective No. 3 – Revitalisation of Rural Centres	
1.	Implement and commence action plans rather than drawing up more plans – Planning section in Council can draw up the plans but LDS can assist in their implementation
2.	County Council playground policy which will be in place by mid 2016 to assist in identifying priorities
3.	3.3 – for improving resource centres etc – smaller communities
4.	Divert funding into this for animation activity and sustainability activity. Social inclusion plan to be in place if seeking small capital interventions and increase output numbers; linkage and outcomes only access 3.3 when you have done capacity achieved under SI (except well established groups) – not sure what this means, leave out
5	Reduce action 3.2 Rural Infrastructure by 50,000 budget now at €350,000 – increase action 3.3 enhancing existing resources in rural areas by €50,000 budget – budget now at €285,086
6.	Outputs to be increased to 20 – 10 is too small in terms of County
7.	Explore developing a funding programme for centres which enables you to apply for grant aid what distinguishes one from the other ability to link? – not sure what this means – leave out

Local Objective No. 4 – Supporting Broadband Connectivity in Rural Tipperary	
1.	National issue not a local issue
2.	A number of agencies are providing broadband training can we do something more benefiting here  Roll actions 4.2 & 4.1 into one and no training to be included

Local Objective No. 5 – Support of an investment in Social Inclusion Initiative in Rural Areas	
1.	Action 5.1 – review outputs as action if broader than transport Link with TCCU also need to review agencies remit
2.	Action 5.2 – link to 3.3 – structurally weak area – prioritise and reword as structurally weak rather than declining population  Social inclusion and activity plan x 20 as an output
3.	At implementation stage Link 5.3 to 5.2 also to look at how SICAP and LDS can work together with targeted communities
4.	5.2 – remove awareness raising initiatives
5.	Support and explore working with potential groups to be inclusiveness in terms of using facilities – community integration and use of animators with smaller groups
6.	Output change to 20 plans
7.	No change in funds

Local Objective No. 6 – Rural Youth	
1.	No. of actions are 3
2.	Training and support to communities & clubs to engage with youth
3.	6.1 – increase output by 500 Reframe – the use of existing facilities and enhance programme supports
4.	6.2 – change youth labour activation and entrepreneurship

Local Objective No. 7 – Safeguarding our Water Resources	
1.	Community hall water conservation (rain water harvesting) – support yes
2.	Put implementation supports in outputs
3.	Water awareness programme
4.	Put sustainability into plan and water under social inclusion
5.	7.1 Action Reduced to €50,000
6.	Water bio-diversity and renewable all to be put together

Local Objective No. 8 – Bio diversity Conservation & Management Supports	
1.	8.1 – rebalance number of feasibility and conservation plans – implementation?
2.	Include some small community ones outputs - 10

Local Objective No. 9 – Development of Renewal Energy	
1.	9.2 – new animation 50,000 from action 7.1 include in 9.2
2.	9.3 – increase outputs

Put it into 5.2 - or link it to section 8  
Floating fund - 50,000

Signed/



Charles Stanley Smith,  
Chair,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date/ 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015