

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held on 19th November, 2018 at Littleton and Moycarkey Community and Sports Centre, Thurles**

**Present:**

**Public Sector:** Councillor John Carroll (Chair), Joe MacGrath, Councillor Mary Hanna Hourigan, Councillor Joe Hannigan, Eileen Condon, Maria Bridgeman (6)

**Private Sector:** Charles Stanley-Smith, Isabel Cambie, Michael Murray, John Lupton, Imelda Walsh, Martin Quinn, Clare Cashman, Eoin Wolahan & Seán O'Farrell (9)

**Apologies:**

**Public Sector:** Adrian Cunneen, Donal Mullane & Rita Guinan

**In Attendance:**

Pat Slattery (Chief Officer), Michael Moroney, Margo Hayes, Teresa Kiely & Fiona Hughes

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| 1. | <p><b><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></b></p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b><br/>It was confirmed that a quorum had been achieved to proceed with the meeting.</p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest &amp; Decision Making - LEADER</b><br/>COI had been declared by some members relating to projects to be considered at the meeting and would be dealt with when considering those projects.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include written decision</b><br/>None were required in relation to the LEADER projects for decision at the meeting.</p> |
| 2. | <p><b><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u></b></p> <p>Councillor John Carroll declared the meeting open and apologies were noted.</p> <p>Cllr. John Carroll informed the LCDC that Rita Guinan had resigned as a result of taking up a new position with Enterprise Ireland. Cllr. Carroll and a number of the LCDC members wished her every success in the future and thanked Rita for her considerable contribution to the LCDC.</p> <p>Draft Agenda was approved.</p>   |
| 3. | <p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of Tipperary LCDC meeting held on 15th October, 2018 were agreed on the proposal of John Lupton and seconded by Martin Quinn.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p>Michael Murray referred to the Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018, specifically Item 4.1 which referred to "frustration about the cultural differences between the two LDC's....". He stated that the LDC's were not aware of this issue prior to the last meeting. This was accepted by the LCDC.</p>                               |

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| 4. | <p><b><u>SICAP</u></b></p> <p><b>4.1 Annual Plan 2019</b><br/>Margo informed the LCDC that the Annual Plan 2019 had to be uploaded to IRIS by the 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2018. The sub-group will complete the review by the 30th November before Pobal finalise a review by the 5th December. The deadline for approval, in principle, of the Annual Plans is 14th December, 2018 with final approval by the 28th February, 2019.</p> <p><b>4.2 Emerging Needs</b><br/>Last year, Newport was chosen as an emerging needs area and a profile was prepared this year and it is planned to implement these actions in 2019. In South Tipperary, work has been concentrated in RAPID areas but this has now been extended to other areas including Cashel, Cahir (Kilcommon) and Mullinahone in addition to the ongoing maintenance of the halting site at Waller's Lot. Margo explained the mechanisms of the Public Deprivation Index which incorporates a range of factors including unemployment, lone parents, school leaving age, percentages of social housing and age dependency which have been extracted from the 2016 Census.</p> <p>Maria Bridgeman queried why Newport was selected as the only town in North Tipperary while several had been selected in South Tipperary, particularly since the HSE had identified Thurles and Roscrea as key deprivation areas. Michael Murray replied that the LCDC were requested to choose areas and that Newport was selected because of the lack of services in the area.</p> <p>Margo requested that the emerging needs decision be formalised and on the proposal of Imelda Walsh and seconded by Cllr. Joe Hannigan, this request was approved, as recommended.</p> |
| 5. | <p><b><u>LEADER</u></b></p> <p>Michael Murray provided an overview of the Basic Services Targeted Call which had an available budget of €748,000, of which €40,000 was ring-fenced for analysis and development type projects.</p> <p><b>5.1.1 To Decide on Basic Services Targeted Call Applications</b></p> <p>In relation to the NTLP projects, the members were taken through these by Michael Murray. In relation to the STDC Projects, the members were taken through these by Isabel Cambie. Documents circulated for consideration by the members were the Project Evaluation Assessment Report and completed IEC Scoring Sheet for each application, together with the IEC meeting minutes. In addition, an Implementing Partner CEO Report to LCDC Chief Officer with details of each 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.</p> <p>Rationale for projects, deadweight and displacement were discussed individually in respect of each application.</p> <p>Following the discussion of each project, Michael Murray and Isabel Cambie (private side members) both left the room for all the decision-making as they had expressed conflicts of interest with regards to applications NTP108379 [Estates Green Space Animation]; STP108317 [Training</p>   |

for Hard to Reach Groups] and STP108319 [Community facility management plans]. This reduced the number of private members to 7, still in excess of the public side which numbered 6.

Approval of each project, as per the recommendation of the Independent Evaluation Committee, was as follows:

- **NTP108544 [The Hub, Ballymackey Football Club]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 83.42% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €203,000.00. A grant of €150,000.00 was sought (74% of overall cost) to support the development of a community centre. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Cllr. Joe Hannigan and seconded by Eileen Condon, this project was provisionally approved subject to procurement, as recommended.
- **NTP108305 [Inch Community Centre]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 84.50% by the IEC. The total cost of the project is €17,530.18 and €13,147.64 (75% of the total cost) grant aid was sought to upgrade the flooring and windows. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Eoin Wolahan and seconded by Seán O'Farrell, this project was approved, as recommended.
- **NTP108312 [Kildangan Community Centre]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 79.25% by the IEC. The total cost of the project is €240,020 and €150,000 grant aid was sought to continue with the construction of the community centre. However, due to budgetary constraints, the grant aid recommended for this project was reduced by the IEC to €124,935.18 (52% of the total cost). The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Cllr. Joe Hannigan and seconded by Eoin Wolahan, this project was provisionally approved subject to procurement, as recommended.
- **NTP108551 [Kilbarron Community Hall]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 82.75% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €105,428.66. A grant of €79,071.50 was sought (75% of overall cost) for the internal upgrade and insulation of the hall. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of John Lupton and seconded by Imelda Walsh, this project was provisionally approved subject to procurement, as recommended.
- **NTP108379 [Estates Green Space Animation]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 82.58% by the IEC. However, due to budgetary constraints, the grant aid recommended for this project was reduced by the IEC to €20,000.00 (90% of the total cost of €22,222.22) to support the investment in social inclusion initiatives. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Clare Cashman and seconded by Martin Quinn, this project was provisionally approved subject to procurement, as recommended.
- **NTP108308 [Birdhill Sports Field]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 72% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €128,907.00. A grant of €96,680.25 was sought

(75% of overall cost) to support social inclusion initiatives. However, due to budgetary constraints and as this project received the lowest overall score, the IEC recommended to withhold this project. The members approved this recommendation.

- **STP108402 [KPLAN Community Centre]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 81.58% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €24,677.62. A grant of €18,508.21 was sought (75% of overall cost) for storage sheds and kitchen appliances. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Clare Cashman and seconded by John Lupton, this project was approved, as recommended.
- **STP108311 [Cashel Playground]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 83.67% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €203,849.00. A grant of €150,000.00 was sought (73.58% of overall cost) for the development of a new playground. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan and seconded by Imelda Walsh, this project was approved, as recommended.
- **STP108372 [Dr. Pat O'Callaghan Sports Complex]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 83.58% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €57,816.39. A grant of €25,425.57 was sought (43.98% of overall cost) to replace the indoor flooring. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Eileen Condon and seconded by Martin Quinn, this project was approved, as recommended.
- **STP108373 [Ballingarry GAA Club]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 81.42% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €29,302.29. A grant of €21,976.71 was sought (75% of overall cost) for the installation of LED lighting around the walking track. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Eoin Wolahan and seconded by Imelda Walsh, this project was provisionally approved subject to planning, as recommended.
- **STP108317 [Training for Hard to Reach Groups]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 80.08% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €24,997.00. 100% grant was sought. However, due to budgetary constraints, the promoter had agreed to withhold this project. The members approved this recommendation.
- **STP108044 [New Inn Community Centre]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 79.42% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €247,188.01. A grant of €150,000 was sought for an extension to the centre. However, due to budgetary constraints, the IEC recommended a reduced grant aid amount of €124,935.19 (50.54% of overall cost). The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan and seconded by Martin Quinn, this project was approved, as recommended.

- **STP108319 [Community facility management plans]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 79.67% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €22,430.50. A grant of €20,187.45 (90%) was requested for the development of community facility management plans. However, due to budgetary constraints, the grant aid recommended for this project was reduced by the IEC to €20,000.00 (89.16% of the total cost). The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Clare Cashman and seconded by Seán O'Farrell, this project was approved, as recommended.

Clare Cashman queried the use of consultants on the analysis and development projects when the Local Development Companies have social inclusion teams. Michael Murray replied that the consultants will be primarily used for specific expertise such as employing a technical architect to draw up plans and added that community work will be done by the social inclusion teams.

Following the completion of decision-making, Michael Murray and Isabel Cambie returned to the meeting (number of private members present returned to 9).

### 5.1.2 To Decide on STDC Basic Services Rolling Call Applications

The members were taken through these projects by Isabel Cambie. Documents circulated for consideration by the members were the Project Evaluation Assessment Report and completed IEC Scoring Sheet for each application, together with the IEC meeting minutes. In addition, an Implementing Partner CEO Report to LCDC Chief Officer with details of each 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.

Rationale for projects, deadweight and displacement were discussed individually in respect of each application.

Approval of each project, as per the recommendation of the Independent Evaluation Committee, was as follows:

- **STP108020 [Rosegreen New Community Car Park]** - Isabel informed the LCDC that this project was "on hold" further to a review by the Department who had raised a query concerning procurement.
- **STP108480 [Mountain rescue base project]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 84.71% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €297,557.66. A grant of €200,000.00 was sought (67% of overall cost) for construction of multi-purpose training and meeting rooms at existing headquarters in Clonmel. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Eileen Condon and seconded by Martin Quinn, this project was approved, as recommended.

At this point for decision-making purposes, Isabel Cambie (private member) left the meeting as she had indicated conflicts of interest with projects, STP108456 [Munster Vales] and STP108315

[South Tipperary Community Energy Audit]. This reduced the number of private members to 8, still in excess of the public side which numbered 6. Pat Slattery, Chief Officer also left the meeting at this point as he had a conflict of interest with project, STP108456 [Munster Vales].

- **STP108456 [Munster Vales]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 79.29% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €43,146.52. A grant of €21,573.26 was sought (50% of overall cost) for marketing and promotion. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Clare Cashman and seconded by John Lupton, this project was approved, as recommended.
- **STP108315 [South Tipperary Community Energy Audit]** - This project was awarded an overall score of 79.7% by the IEC and the total cost of the project is €19,372.50. A grant of €17,435.25 was sought (90% of overall cost) for energy audits to be conducted in various communities. The rationale for the project, deadweight, displacement and innovation were discussed in respect of the application. On the proposal of Seán O'Farrell and seconded by Eoin Wolahan, this project was approved, as recommended.

Following the completion of decision-making, Isabel Cambie returned to the meeting (number of private members present returned to 9). Also, Pat Slattery, Chief Officer returned to the meeting.

## 5.2. To Approve Monthly Income & Expenditure Report

Michael Moroney outlined the LDS Administration/Animation & Project Grants financial expenditure and income Report to November 2018 inclusive which was circulated at the meeting. The report sets out the monthly IP Administration/Animation expenditure claims, project grant payments to promoters and details of income received from DRCD. On the proposal of Clare Cashman and seconded by John Lupton, the report was approved by the members.

## 5.3 LEADER Any Other Matters/Updates

There were none for consideration at the meeting.

## 6. Healthy Ireland

Teresa Kiely informed the LCDC that Strand 1/Round 1 funding was finalised last week. Dan Downey has been recently appointed as coordinator under Strand 1/Round 2 funding. The other 10 actions are progressing. Maria Bridgeman welcomed the appointment of the coordinator and referred to the Healthy Tipperary Strategy booklet which was circulated to everybody at the meeting. She emphasised the importance and influence of all LCDC members in promoting awareness and implementing the various actions.

## 7. Community Enhancement Programme 2018

Teresa stated that a recommendation for funding was recently circulated with notification to applicants in early November. 46 applications were invalid because they related to projects to be

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|     | <p>undertaken in 2019, 8 had no planning permission, 2 were duplicates given that they had received funding for similar projects in July, 1 was for horses, 3 were for paint and 3 were for operating costs. It was requested and agreed that a list of these reasons should be included next year to assist applicants to avoid making mistakes.</p> <p>The members requested that a letter be sent to the Department outlining the impact of the extension of the timeframe for completion of works under the CEP to the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019, particularly with regard to applications which were deemed ineligible on the basis of the original implementation timeframe criteria.</p>   |
| 8.  | <p><b><u>Correspondence, Submissions &amp; Consultations</u></b></p> <p>Consultations – Margo informed the LCDC of five focus groups for the Diverse Tipperary initiative who will meet in various towns to discuss migrants and their needs. These meetings are being facilitated by the Tipperary Volunteer Centre and the County Council. Eileen Condon expressed interest in feedback from these meetings because the ETB is currently providing English classes to non-English speaking people.</p> <p>A Disability Action Plan consultation will take place in 2018. The linkage group, via the PPN, is already in place.</p> <p>Regional Spatial &amp; Economic Strategy (RSES) – members agreed that the LCDC should make a strong submission via the LECP Advisory Subgroup. Joe MacGrath stated that it is anticipated the RSES would be made by April 2019. The new County Development Plan process must start within six months of the making of the RSES and the making of the CDP takes two years. Joe agreed that the LCDC would be circulated with a draft copy of the RSES when it becomes available. It was agreed that the LECP Advisory Committee would be the forum for discussion and review. Charles expressed hopes that climate change and sustainable communities were included in the RSES.</p> |
| 9.  | <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>There were no matters under AOB.</p>  |
| 10. | <p>Next meeting to be held at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 17th December, 2018 in the Littleton and Moycarkey Community and Sports Centre followed by lunch in the Horse and Jockey Hotel.</p>  |

Signed/



Councillor John Carroll,  
Chair,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee.

Date/

17/12/2018

