

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
19th October, 2020 Via teleconferencing and Zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Adrian Cunneen (DEASP), Colin Cummins (Tipperary ETB), Cllr Joe Hannigan, Ann Ryan (HSE), Donal Mullane, (Teagasc),

Private Sector: Isabel Cambie (STDC), Michael Murray (NTDC), Charles Stanley Smith (PPN), Martin Quinn (PPN), Eoin Wolahan (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN), Imelda Walsh (IFA), Cora Horgan (PPN),

Apologies: Cllr John Carroll, Karl Cashen, Pat Slattery (Chief Officer)

In Attendance: Margo Hayes (TCC, Acting Chief Officer), Shane O'Dwyer (TCC), Eddie Meegan(TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Cliona Tobin (TCC)

1.	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></p> <p>It was noted that the chair Cllr. John Carroll would be absent from the meeting and that in his absence per the Standing Orders, Martin Quinn would chair the meeting. Margo Hayes acted as Chief Officer in the absence of Pat Slattery.</p> <p>Martin Quinn (vice Chair) opened the meeting welcomed all present and noted apologies.</p> <p>He welcomed Colin Cummins Tipperary ETB who replaced Bernadette Cullen.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum Margo confirmed that a quorum had been achieved and that the balance was in favour of the private membership and to proceed with the meeting.</p> <p>1.2 Conflict of Interest Cora declared Conflict of Interest for STDC Project Youth Work Ireland Tipperary.</p> <p>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>1.4 Agreement Re Screen Shot of meeting to show attendance Margo asked for permission to take screenshot of attendance at this meeting and all future meetings being held via zoom as a</p>
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	<p>record of attendance is required. The rationale for this is that we have a record of meeting attendance in the absence of a sign-in-sheet. All agreed.</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 21st September, 2020 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 21st September, 2020 were agreed on the proposal of Eoin Wolohan and seconded by Sean O'Farrell.</p> <p>Margo stated the September minutes have been amended to include Imelda Walsh's apologies as sent prior to the September meeting. The signed minutes will reflect same.</p> <p>Sean O'Farrell asked if credit could be given to Pat Slattery for a comment he made with regard to supporting initiatives to promote Environment sustainability.</p> <p>Matters Arising Michael stated he had items regarding sunset clause but will update the meeting at NDCS CEO report stage.</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p><u>LCDC Sub Committee on CDP Submission - Update</u></p> <p>Margo informed the meeting the LCDC Sub Committee met last Tuesday 13th October, 2020 to commence talks regarding a submission to the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028. A comprehensive discussion took place around areas such as environment, diversity amongst many others.</p> <p>At that meeting Pat Slattery explained the function of the County Development Plan and a brief update on thinking behind the plan from planning perspective such as where we want people to live etc.</p> <p>Margo stated it was a good basis for the submission and informed the meeting Nuala O’Connell from Planning Section, Tipperary County Council will be giving a brief on the County Development plan at Item no. 7.</p> <p>Minutes of the LCDC Sub Committee was circulated to all those who attended.</p> <p>Martin found the committee sub group very successful and advised it would be useful to have another.</p> <p>Joe stated as public representative he attends a lot of workshops there are a lot of aspiring ideas.</p> <p>A Date for the next Sub Group meeting was agreed for Monday 2nd November at 11.30 a.m.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>SICAP Case Studies 2020</u></p> <p>Michael gave a presentation to the meeting on the NTDC Case Study ‘Stronger Together’ Collaboration theme a copy of which has been circulated. The Study was based on the challenges our Community faces during Covid 19 focusing on marginalised communities in North Tipperary and the important role of collaboration in activating critical community responses. He spoke about how the collaborative responses to the global pandemic how small communities across North Tipperary established specific Covid 19 response groups and local organizations such as NTDC, Tipperary County Council, Gardaí, Irish Red Cross, GAA , PPN to name but a few all came together to support vulnerable members of the community and in particular the older people.</p> <p>Michael briefed on the actions taken under the following headings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Flyers • Wellness Packs • Community Grants • Enterprise Supports

- Enterprise Training Supports

Cllr Joe Hannigan congratulated Michael on the great work done and reckons the work done had serious impact during Covid 19 as our numbers in Tipperary are one of the lowest in the Country at present and this may have contributed. All the work was done in a structured and organised manner had a major contribution to create awareness of acting responsibly. The process has paid off and we can see dividends big time.

Charles agreed fully with Joe's comments.

Margo informed the meeting Phil Shanahan STDC gave a presentation to the September LCDC on 'Cooking through Covid' for STDC case study under Collaboration theme.

Isabel stated STDC had similar initiatives carried out through TUS and SICAP under their 'Cooking through Covid' Collaboration Theme Case Study.

Imelda complimented North and South Tipperary Development Companies on all the work and during the challenging times and hopes the initiatives can be kept going.

Michael stated they had moved to on line training and supports for the most part

Isabel said once we know what we need to do will ensure that it is done.

Fiona stated that our target group is older adult groups regarding both mental health and physical activity. Hope to get something to older adults across the County within the next 2 or 3 weeks via social partnership and the continued Community Call.

Martin agreed that is was a good point we are in a difficult situation at present and regarding cocooning a difficult winter ahead.

Michael agreed and said if Fiona, Shane, Margo and Development Companies could meet and see how they can work together to help.

Fiona stated it was on her list!

Annual Planning Process

Margo informed the meeting that the SICAP annual planning process is underway

- The Department will confirm 2021 budgets to LCDCs as soon as possible once Programme budgets have been agreed. In the meantime, LDCs can base their Annual Plan on the 2020 Lot budget.
- The Department will confirm the 2021 Lot KPI targets

by mid-November, based on the outcome of a review of the suggested Lot targets from LCDCs nationally. LCDCs, in turn, should communicate these targets to their LDC(s)

- LDCs will submit their Annual Plan on IRIS by Monday 30th November (LDCs can commence inputting the Annual Plan by Friday 16th October).
- The LCDC will review the Annual Plan and provide feedback to Pobal on any issues identified by Monday 14th December.
- Pobal will carry out a high-level review (to ensure compliance with the Programme requirements) and provide feedback to the LCDCs by Friday 18th December.
- Final Approval of the Annual Plan (following approval of the 2020 Annual Performance Review) by 26th February 2021.

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6.1 LEADER

6.1 NTDC CEO Report

There were no projects to present.

Michael briefed the meeting on the Tipperary LAG/NTDC Budget and stated there are projects waiting approval which will be brought to the November LCDC Meeting.

6.1.1- To Decide on NTDC Applications

There were not projects for NTDC however Michael Murray said they have derogation approvals:-

Project Number	Project Description	Sunset Clause Set By DRCD until	DRCD Derogation Date Approved On	Reason
30LDRntp 112941	Water Treatment and Recycling System(Tipperary Glass Ltd)	30 th October 2020	21 st September 2020	Requirement for Planning permission
30LDRntp 113269	Upgrade of Thurles Community Resource Centre – Capital Energy	23 rd October 2020	21 st September 2020	Planning Permission & Procurement

30LDRntp 113454	Upgrade of Thurles Community Resource Centre – Capital Youth	23 rd October 2020	21st September 2020	Planning Permission & Procurement
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The Above Derogations were approved by the DRCD and are brought to the LCDC for their consideration, if approved by the LCDC the derogation dates will be as approved by the department.

Proposed by: Cllr Joe Hannigan

Seconded by: Sean O'Farrell

6.2 STCD CEO Report

Isabel stated there are a number of projects they are working on with project promoters that they present to the November or December LCDC.

Notice was given for a project that will be coming before the November meeting involving 3 partners South West Mayo Development Company and West Limerick Resources – a group training type project working with social enterprises.

6.2.1 - 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.

Isabel informed the meeting the Carrick Swan Hurling, Football and Camogie Club Project approval for new car park is on hold as there is an issue with procurement. STDC will present this Project to the next LCDC when the issues are sorted.

Cora Horgan left the meeting as she declared a Conflict of Interest regarding the following Project.

Project Code:	STP111469
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Youth Work Ireland Tipperary
Description:	Training in Digital Youth work for youth workers and participants
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:	€24,500.00, 100% of €24,500.00
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:	€24,500.00, 100% of €24,500.00
Proposed by:	Imelda Walsh
Seconded by:	Clr Joe Hannigan
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel stated this Project was presented to LCDC previously and is now at tendering process. It is delivered in conjunction with Maynooth University.

Cora Absented herself from, the meeting during discussion and consideration given her conflict of interest (in her absence the balance was at a ratio of 7-5 in favour of the private members)

This project was provisionally approved.

Project Code:	STP113134
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Fethard and Killusty Community Ballroom Clg
Description:	Fethard Ballroom Roof Project
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise development and job creation
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:	€152,769.58, 75% of €203,692.78
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:	€152,769.58, 75% of €203,692.78
Proposed by:	Clr Joe Hannigan
Seconded by:	Eoin Wolohan
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel stated this Project was presented to LCDC previously and

has now gone through procurement.

This project had previously been provisionally approved but was now seeking full approval.

Charles hoped that there would be a high standard of insulation in the replacement roof.

Isabel explained that this had been considered and that the roof to be replaced contained asbestos making it more expensive.

Re Project STP 111497 Rural Broadband Connection Points promoted by South Tipperary Development Clg.

The laptop originally procured as the lowest price from the preferred supplier DID Electrical (HP Pavillion 15-Bro17NA) is no longer available. STDC are seeking approval to purchase a laptop of similar specification but of a different brand (to be confirmed). The price is higher, but there will be no difference in the grant aid allocated the shortfall will be met by the promoter.

Isabel Cambie informed the meeting of a change of supplier request for tendered purchase of 24 laptops as the brand tendered for is out of stock. Permission to change the brand has been sought and due to current economic situation the supplier may need to be changed again and approval for this is sought on the basis that the grant funding amount will not be increased and that the same quantity of laptops are purchased . This Project is being hosted on behalf of Tipperary County Council however due to change for transparency and audit purposes permission needs to be sought. Some of the broadband connection points are already connected and it is important to stay connected to communities.

Proposed: Donal Mullane

Seconded: Imelda Walsh.

Change of supplier request -30LDRSTP111494 – Ballingarry GAA Club

The above project promoter 30LDRSTP111494 – Ballingarry GAA Club, Ballingarry, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, is seeking permission to change the supplier for their contract (*see table below for details*). There will be NO increase in the overall grant award and the approved LEADER grant aid remains at €22,447.46. The promoter has adhered fully to the procurement guidelines and supporting documentation is on file.

Element	Old Supplier	New Supplier	Procurement Level	Reason
Resurfacing existing	Caharclough	Thurles Precast	<€50k	After contacting

walkway and accessibility upgrades re the parking/pedestrian area	Tarmacadam Ltd (total cost quoted at €29,929.95)	Products Ltd (total cost quoted at €31,615.42)	the supplier to begin the process they informed the promoter that regretfully they were unable to undertake this contract due to unforeseen circumstances. (Email dated Wednesday 1 st July 2020 from supplier on file stating this)
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Proposed: Donal Mullane
Seconded: Imelda Walsh.

6.4 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report

Shane presented to the meeting a dashboard which broke down the income and expenditure report to view in a more concise easy to follow excel table as the detailed spreadsheet was too laborious.

Joe thanked Shane for presentation and asked if in the event some projects don't follow through and monies have been allocated what happens to these funds in 2021.

Shane stated we are currently operating in a vacuum. He has been in touch with the Department and a meeting to put framework in place as to what is happening in 2021.

Shane informed the members that he can provide the full database on Income and Expenditure Report should anyone request same.

The LEADER Income and Expenditure for October 2020 was approved on the proposal of Sean O'Farrell and Seconded by Eoin Wolohan.

6.5 A.O.B

	<p>Isabel expressed her concern regarding the December LCDC date which is scheduled to take place 21st December. There may not be enough time to get projects approved as a 14 day period is needed after LCDC approval which clashes with Christmas period. She asked could we look at alternative date for December meeting. The County Council Meeting is scheduled for the 14th of December. A date was set for 7th December for projects and any additional projects for 21st December.</p> <p>Sean posed the question could LAG access funding from regeneration access fund or climate action fund.</p> <p>Isabel replied by saying anywhere funds can be accessed would be happy to do so. It is a potentially serious situation for communities if no funding is allocated for 2021-2022. Potential two year gap – its important funding stream for communities and staff need to know for comfort point of view.</p> <p>Michael stated RRDF Is project specific we need to look at climate.</p> <p>Sean asked if there was any limitation.</p> <p>Charles stated there has to be some sort of development on this we have to push on that.</p> <p>Imelda stated from an agricultural point of view all rolled over for transition period we have to keep an eye on the ball what happens to LEADER also.</p> <p>Joe added its essential funding is available as a LAG to identify funding streams we can have two years with no money available. He asked what do we do and who is look after LEADER Projects. Can we do it ourselves as LAG.</p> <p>Shane stated after a review meeting recently he made contact with the Department regarding funding. The Chief Executive may have influence to move it along the way. We hope to hear within next few weeks.</p> <p>Charles will be available to attend CAP Consultative Committee.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Presentation on Community Wellbeing</u></p> <p>Charles gave a presentation regarding the County Wellbeing Statement a copy of which was distributed to members. The document compiled by the PPN (Public Participation Network) contains what people of various Municipal Districts want.</p> <p>The concept was to ask what people want and to go out and ask what they believe they want to get people to where they want whilst incorporating and enhancing sustainable development goals. County Tipperary PPN has developed their wellbeing vision</p>

	<p>by using the following headings to consult their members on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical and Mental Health • Economy and Resources • Social and Community Development • Participation, Democracy and Good Governance • Environment and Sustainability • Values, Culture and Meaning <p>Community workshops took place where 'asset mapping' was discussed in groups for areas in their community they wish to preserve and protect wellbeing vision was discussed and also an online consultation took place. A Draft vision was then produced from the results of this public consultation.</p> <p>It is a powerful document that can be incorporated in to the County Councils plans and policies. Ireland is the first country to derive county community wellbeing statements from the bottom up.</p> <p>Document will be officially launched soon and a bound copy will be distributed to all.</p> <p>Martin said he'll look forward to getting a copy and thanked Charles Stanley Smith and everyone who got involved.</p> <p>Joe thanked Charles for the presentation and as a public representative for Nenagh Municipal District he would like if each community parish and club units could look at the documents at what they need. He is looking forward to document being launched.</p> <p>Sean agreed it was a great piece of work and we have to progress what we talk about regarding sustainable communities.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Presentation on County Development Plan 2022-2028 Process (Planning Section TCC)</u></p> <p>A presentation was given by Nuala O'Connell, Forward Planning Section, Tipperary County Council on the Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 process. Nuala asked the group who have wealth of experience if the document could be circulated through their own networks. It will be a new vision for Tipperary for 2021 and beyond. It is the first pre draft stage currently. Submissions are opened until the 16th November. There is a new provision in the Act where submissions received have to be published on Council's website within 10 days of receipt. The Planning Act requires consultation with children specifically where they see what they would like their towns to look like. There has been correspondence with primary and secondary schools holding poster competitions and as much engagement and public consultation as possible is encouraged.</p>

The Climate Action Plan has to be considered and can be incorporated and embedded in vision of the Plan.

Martin thanked Nuala for valuable presentation.

Charles said it's important the planning department works closely with Economic SPC and LCDC for LECP to have integrated set of plans we have the opportunity now. He brought it up with Pat Slattery Director of Services at last meeting.

Imelda thanked Nuala for information presentation. From agricultural perspective it's best suited at pushing on solar energy. Tipperary need to be leaders and take a bold step and that as a society we have discovered the value of our own producers and services during Covid 19. We have the opportunity now to cease control. Climate is one big thing facing us all – time for action as we are so far behind the curve in comparison to our European counterparts. The 20 ha rule to be a viable farming enterprise should be looked at as we have a lot producing on a small amount of land.

Charles also agreed the presentation was brilliant and we need to drive the message home.

Sean thanked Nuala and said he was looking for ambition and passion and he got that. Our biggest Asset was our Waste – Agricultural, domestic and pig waste. We need to help biodiversity by increase and enhance climate situation. How can we make our towns more like Cloughjordan by providing our own food and generate energy. In 2020 EPA looked for expressions of interest in circular economy – he engaged with Council. What initiative did the Council put forward. In terms of protecting the environment by increasing biodiversity can enforcement be enacted. He welcomed inspections on farms to ensure farmers are meeting the regulations. Can land for example across from Civic Offices in Nenagh be used to produce foods such a vegetables for canteen for staff lunches rather than having a lawn. Encourage bio diversity.

Cora thanked Nuala for presentation. Cora urged the Council to look at Social Inclusion especially for under 35's as we are facing uncertain times.

Joe complimented Nuala on presentation. The message he's getting during Covid with remote working it's having an impact on communities we need to let them know as they need opportunity to make submission.

Eoin congratulated Nuala on presentation. Wellbeing is foremost in our minds. Increase in hill walkers especially on weekends. It would be good to consider greenways as opportunity.

Nuala stated a huge amount of great ideas are coming through, the climate issue is coming through. Charles opened it in relation to importance of submission. Regarding Imeldas comments on importance of agriculture and biodiversity energy production there is a renewable energy strategy where studies are being done on anaerobic digestion. Regarding Seans comment on waste she agreed it is a resource we can benefit from bio economy point of view. Regarding Cora's concerns for youth groups document can be circulated through PPN and any other group. Regarding Cllr Hannigans comment the message needs to be sent out to communities. Regarding Eoins query the Blue and Green Masterplan will be brought in to County Development Plan. Greenways do form part of discussion helps from transport point of view and community point of view.

Nuala thanked everyone and said she looked forward to meeting them over the next few months.

Martin thanked Nuala and if anyone had any further queries to contact Nuala.

8.

Healthy Ireland Update

Fiona gave an update on the Healthy Ireland and in particular the Community Mental Health Grant Fund. This was advertised in August, and on the closing date 30th September we received 21 applications.

The applications were reviewed by the Connecting for Life Officers in both HSE areas and evaluated by a sub group who made the recommendation to the LCDC for approval

Organisation	Programme Title	Target Group	Award
Millenium FRC	Youth Counseling	Young people age 12-24	€5,000
North Tipperary Development Company	ADHD Programme	Parents and children	€2,300
North Tipperary Development Company	Wellness & Holistic Sessions	Disadvantaged women age 16+	€2,258
Spafield FRC	Counselling/Mental Health Service	General Population with Mental Health issues	€4,950
Place4U	Living The Life Programme	Men age 40+	€4,200
MS Ireland Mid-West	Self-Management and peer interaction	General Population	€2,910
Down Syndrome Ireland Tipperary Branch	Playing Our Way to a Brighter Future	Children age 3-13	€3,450
Social and Health Education Project	SHEP Programme – Managing Stress; Caring for our Well Being; Seasons for	Various priority target groups	€4,932

	<p style="text-align: center;">Growth</p> <p style="text-align: right;">€30,000</p> <p>Proposed by Imelda Walsh and seconded by Sean O'Farrell.</p>
9.	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>Margo reminded everyone of Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 submission closing date 16th November, 2020 if members wanted to make a submission on their own behalf or on behalf of an organisation.</p> <p>Fiona informed of a Social Ireland Report which will be circulated which will have positive benefit to social farming where we will try to engage as much as possible.</p>
10.	<p><u>Any Other Business -</u></p> <p>Shane gave an update on the Town and Village Renewal Accelerated Measures Scheme:-</p> <p>Clonmel under a new Larger Town Scheme will receive €40,000 Borrisokane €36,000 Ballingarry €25,000 Inch Field Cahir €40,000</p>
11.	<p><u>Date and form of next meeting</u></p> <p>It was agreed that the next LCDC Meeting would be held on Monday 16th November, 2020 at 10 a.m. by Zoom and Teleconferencing.</p> <p><u>Dates for Diary:-</u></p> <p>Monday 2nd November Sub Group of LCDC re submission Monday 7th December to accommodate for LEADER Project approvals to comply with statutory deadlines. Monday 21st December for any additional projects.</p>

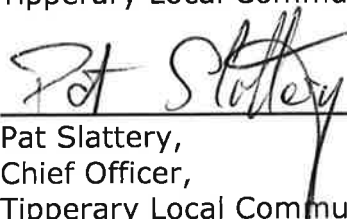
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Clr. John Carroll,
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date: _____

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Pat Slattery,
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

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