## Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. Via teleconferencing and Zoom

Present:

Public Sector:

Karl Cashel (TCC), Adrian Cunneen (DEASP), Cllr John Carroll, Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Derval Howley (HSE),

Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC) (6)

**Private Sector:** 

Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC),

Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh (PPN), Cora Horgan (PPN), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN) (6)

**Apologies:** 

Isabel Cambie (STDC), Imelda Walsh (IFA), Cllr Joe Hannigan, John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Colin

Cummins (TETB)

In Attendance:

Pat Slattery (Chief Officer), Margo Hayes (TCC), Shane O'Dwyer (TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC),

Cliona Tobin (TCC)

### 1. To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements

The meeting was opened the meeting and all welcomed.

#### 1.1 Quorum

Margo confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.

#### 1.2 Conflict of Interest

Members were advised that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.

## 1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision

Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.

#### 1.4 Ethics Documents

Margo informed the committee the Ethics Documents for 2021 will be circulated next month for signing by all members.

A Screen Shot was taken of meeting attendance.

#### 2. Approval of Draft Agenda

The Draft Agenda was agreed.

# 3. <u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the</u> 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 & Matters Arising (Decision)

The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 were agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh.

### 4. SICAP

Margo informed the committee of the announcement of an increase in SICAP monies for both NTDC and STDC. STDC budget for 2022 is €788,641 (up from €643,105) while NTDCs budget is €638,904 (up from €555,485) As a result there will be amendments to Annual Plans for both Development Companies to allow for additional funding and the LDC's have been given a deadline of January 14<sup>th</sup> to make these amendments. The End of Year review (2021) will also take place in January – 24<sup>th</sup> January is the deadline for submission of progress reports/accounts etc. for this

A meeting of the Social Inclusion subgroup will take place to discuss end of year review with Development Companies as well as the annual plan review. A Audit (by Tipperary County Council internal audit) will take place in January 2021.

An Audit of SICAP (LCDC& NTDC) took place during November 2021 and some minor issues arose which have been included in the management reports

#### Case Study Report - NTDC

Michael Murray NTDC presented the November Activity update under the following headings:-

- > Social Enterprise
- Work Planning and Career Support
- Empowering Communities Men's Sheds
- > Volunteering
- > Personal Development
- Emerging Needs
- Enterprise support to Job Seekers
- Youth Development and Family Support
- Collaborations
- Life Long Learning
- Advocacy
- Work Readiness

#### Case Study Report - STDC

Margo presented the STDC in the absence of Isabel Cambie the November Activity update under the following headings:-

#### Goal 1

- Supports to Social Enterprises
- Inclusive Communities
- Resilient Communities
- LCG Grants
- > Men's Shed
- Conversation English Class
- Collaboration

#### Goal 2

- Soft Skills and LLL
- ➤ Woodwork Programme Support for Traveller Men in conjunction with Tipperary ETB (Community Education)
- Defibrillator AED/CPR Training

- > Employment Support
- > Self Employment Support
- > Children and Young People
- Community Food Initiative (CFI)
- > Annual Plans and reporting
- Staff Training
- Promotions

### 5. **5.1 LEADER**

Derval Howley of the HSE agreed to step down from the decision making process in order to maintain the required public/private ratio for decision making in accordance with Section 7 of the Standing Orders (Decision Making Process)

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

Michael Murray briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects and then outlined the details of the following NTDC projects to the members:

Project Code:	30LDRNTP115958
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Rebecca McKenna, Lough Derg Water Sports, Blackberry Cottage, Coolbawn, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary
Description:	The promoter plans to develop cold water therapy wellbeing retreats using Lough Derg as a fundamental attribute, using the colder months to achieve potential during the winter time. This would be the main feature of the winter offering. The equipment required for this includes a sauna and hot tub + extra kayaks for winter kayaking.  The kayaking side can be used in conjunction or as an optional extra alongside the cold water experience i.e. winter kayaking tours, (the promoter plans to collaborate with other wellbeing providers such as yoga / massage to make a larger package for the user).  The promoter would provide sauna and hot tub sessions to be used as part of the residential day /weekend experience.  They are looking to update the kayak selection, and using sit on top kayaks is a covid friendly option (as no contact at all is necessary when performing a rescue during a capsize).
Theme:	Theme #1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation.
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 1: The development & promotionj of Tourism as a driver of rural economic development and job creation in Tipperary. Strategic Action 1.1: Activity 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:	€18,207.97
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)	"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".
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 (24,277.29) = €18,207.97
Proposed by:	Cllr John Carroll
Seconded by:	Anthony Fitzgerald
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP116189
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Fuchsia Lane Farm C/o Niall & Inez Heenan, Terryglass, Co. Tipperary.
Description:	The conversion of the eternally space of the existing hayshed into a multi-purpose activity area ancillary to the existing self-catering holiday cottages on the farm, including pathways, landscaping toilet block up grade. games equipment signage and laundry room.
Theme:	Theme #1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation.
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 1: The development & promotion of Tourism as a driver of rural economic development and job creation in Tipperary.  Strategic Action 1.1: Activity 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:	€55,947.89
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)	"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".
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 (74,597.19) = €55,947.89
Proposed by:	Donal Mullane
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP116445
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Moycarkey Coolcroo Athletic Club
Description:	To install a 500m x 2m wide hardstanding walk and cycle way around the sports facility complete with lighting that can be used by the local organisations and individual members of the local community to walk, run and/or cycle in a safe environment and to help improve their health and fitness.
Theme:	Theme #2: Social Inclusion.
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 5: Support of and investment in Social Inclusion initiatives in rural areas.  Strategic Action 5.3: Infrastructure to facilitate Community participation
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:	€36,050.44
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:	"Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic".

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)  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 (48,067.25) = €36,050.44
Proposed by:	Derval Howley
Seconded by:	Cllr John Carroll
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP116861
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Loughtagalla Residents Association Thurles
Description:	The development of a walkway and sensory garden. The Park will have a perimeter walkway almost 1.2 km in length and 2 m wide including lighting. It will be part of an overall development which will be completed over three phases with this phase being the 1st phase of the redevelopment.
Theme:	Theme #2: Social Inclusion.
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 5: Support of and investment in Social Inclusion initiatives in rural areas.  Strategic Action 5.3: Infrastructure to facilitate Community participation.
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:	€146,664.93
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	"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".

Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	
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 (195,553.25) = €146,664.93
Proposed by:	Derval Howley
Seconded by:	Cora Horgan
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP116860
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Loughtagalla Residents Association Thurles
Description:	The new sensory garden will include extensive planting with various colours and smells, it will have paths with different surfaces such as tiles, stones, and gravel. it will also have a seating area in different shapes and sizes all of which are designed to stimulate the different senses, such as sight, smell, touch, and sound which are beneficial to both children and adults who have sensory processing issues such as autism and other disabilities.
Theme:	Theme #3: Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 8: Safeguarding Our Biodiversity, Strategic Action 8.1: Biodiversity Conversation and Management Supports.
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:	€37,936.12
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)	"Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic"

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 (€50,581.50) = €37,936.12
Proposed by:	Derval Howley
Seconded by:	Cora Horgan
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP116930
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Genos Resources PLC, F7 Innovation Works I, Tipperary Technology Park, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.
Description:	The A&D required is a critical step in the process of getting the Genos Project to fruition. The Genos Project uses innovative technology, together with industrial scale operation to deliver a much-needed solution to Irish Agriculture. The proposed plant will be operated on a net zero basis and in fact will probably be carbon negative. The plant will remove 20.75 million MTCO26 from Irish Agriculture over its 25-year operation.
Theme:	Theme #3: Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 9: Development of Renewable Energy. Strategic Action 9.1: Early Stage Supports for Renewable Energy initiatives.
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:	€22,031.25
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)	"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".
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI):	N/A

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).	
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€29,375.00) = €22,031.25
Proposed by:	Donal Muliane
Seconded by:	Anthony Fitzgerald
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

## 5.2 STCD CEO Report (Decision)

STDC had no projects to present this month.

### 5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)

## LEADER project extension requests granted as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules

Michael Murray presented the following extension requests: -

Dec-21 Extensions up to 6-months - LAG Approval								
30LDRNTP113949	The Arts Mill Creative Hub, Cloughjordan, A&D	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	The Promoters are unhappy with their draft feasibility study and have requested a 6-month extension to allow more time to complete the report.				

The extension request was approved on the proposal of CIIr John Carroll, seconded by Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh.

Shane O'Dwyer presented the following STDC extension requests in the absence of Isabel Cambie:-

Extension Requests for Projects to be noted up to 6 months (approved by Chief Officer)						
Project No / Code	Promoter	Project Title	Original Closing Date	Previous Extension to	Extension Requeste d to	Rationale for Extension
	Crowes	Crowes	31/01/2022		31/07/20	Delays due to
	Meats	Meats			22	COVID
30LDRSTP	Dundrum	Equipm				
114366	Limited	ent				

	Fethard		31/01/2022	31/07/20	Landscaping
	Regional			22	delayed due to
	Community				construction
	Sport and				restrictions earlier
	Recreation	Fethard			in the year
30LDRSTP	al Campus	Town			
114275	CLG	Park	<u></u>		
	Youth	YWIT	31/12/2021	30/06/20	Delays due to
	Work	Digital		22	COVID
30LDRSTP	Ireland	Training	5		- 0
111469	Tipperary	Project			

The extensions for noting were approved on the proposal of ClIr John Carroll, seconded by Anthony Fitzgerald.

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Project No / Code	Promoter	s up to greate Project Title	Original	Previous Extension to	Extension Requested to	Rationale for Extension
30LDRSTP111490	Clonmel Town F.C.	Dr. Pat O Callaghan Sports Complex	29/06/2021	29/12/2021	29/03/2022	Delays due to COVID
30LDRSTP114279	Tipperary Tourism CLG	Tipperary Tourism CLG - Marketing	30/06/2021	30/12/2021	30/06/2022	Delays with rollout of marketing plan due to Covid restrictions
30LDRSTP110771	Ardfinnan Community Council	Ardfinnan Community Playground	30/09/2020	31/12/2021	30/03/2022	Payment of retention fee to contractor Works originally delayed due to COVID
30LDRSTP111343	Kilsheelan Tidy Towns	Biodiversity Kilsheelan	31/12/20 20	30/12/2021	30/06/2022	Weather conditions no suitable for planting of trees ordered - need to plan in Spring
30LDRSTP106974	Patrick Fitzgerald	Fitzgeralds Open Farm	31/12/20 20	30/12/2021	30/06/2022	Unavoidable construction delays earlier in the year ha resulted in delay with final claim
30LDRSTP111368	Barry and Lynch Limited	Research re Installation of Anaerobic digestion for renewable energy and	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	Unavoidable delays due to COVID

		sustainable waste processing				
30LDRSTP110338	Tipperary Mid-West Radio Co-op Limited	Tipperary Mid West Co operative Society Ltd - Capital project	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	31/03/2022	Unavoidable delays due to COVID
30LDRSTP111303	Wm O Donnell Engineering Emly Ltd	Modernise and streamline equipment at manufacturing plant	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	30/06/2022	Project 90% complete but experienced unforeseen delays due to COVID

#### Ardfinnan Community Council - Ardfinnan Community Playground

Up to recently retrospective extensions and any expenditure incurred in the intervening time required a Departmental Derogation. It was clarified by the Department through circular 07/21 that Departmental Derogation was no longer required for such extensions and that retrospective approvals were now a matter for the LAG, it did not clarify the Departments position in respect of expenditure incurred during this period however.

A retrospective extension to project STP110771 Ardfinnan Community Playground being delivered Ardfinnan Community Council was approved at the November LAG meeting. At this meeting the approval was given subject to no payment being made in the intervening period or if spending had occurred that the DRCD were satisfied that such spending is eligible.

When the accounts were reviewed with the group, it was determined that they had incurred expenditure in the intervening period in the amount of €6748.72(of which €5061.54 would be by way of the grant if eligible). Thus the query with regards to the eligibility of this spending was raised with the DRCD to seek further clarity on the implications of the circular around the expenditure incurred.

The DRCD have now confirmed that there is no longer a Departmental derogations required for retrospective extensions and these were now a matter for the LAG. They went on to state that if the LAG approved the retrospective contract then it would be reasonable to consider that expenditure incurred in the period covered by the retrospective contract would be eligible in principle for claim purposes. It finished by stating that if the LAG had any doubt that they may also seek independent legal advice.

On the basis of the departments advice I am proposing that we accept that the claim is eligible and be considered approved as part of the extension approval at the November meeting in accordance with the Circular and advice received.

This was approved on the proposal by Cora Horgan seconded by Sean O'Farrell.

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

The LEADER Income and Expenditure report for December, 2021 was presented by Shane O'Dwyer.

The report was approved on the proposal of Donal Mullane and seconded by Derval Howley.

#### 5.5. AOB

Derval Howley expressed her thanks on behalf of the HSE the County Council on the administration side and an garda síochána for all their support. She stated the Omicron variant of Covd-19 is more prevalent but milder. Figures are high in Tipperary and Carlow regions. Up to 98% vaccination take up in Tipperary just under 40% have received booster.

Michael Murray stated there is new Code of Conduct to be introduced to Development Companies IEC Evaluation Committees. It would be part of the Code of Ethics documents. Draft documents will be brought to January, 2022 LCDC for approval.

## 6. Healthy Ireland 6.1 Healthy Tipperary Strand 3 Funding

Fiona Crotty noted that the update in relation to Healthy Tipperary Strand 3 funded had been circulated comprising of the budget expenditure and also updates on each of the actions.

In this regard it was noted that an addendum to the Strand 3 contract was received and returned providing for an extension for salary costs for the Healthy Tipperary Coordinator for months and this had been returned to Pobal. In relation to actions budget a submission was made to Pobal on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December and received subsequent reapproval.

For the CYPSC action for Barnardos a reallocation of €9600 due to impact of Covid Restrictions on the delivery of their action. An Expression of Interest issued through CYSPC and following this process a number of partners projects were approved and Barnardos will remain the lead for reporting to Pobal

- o €2,000.00 Knockanrawley Resource Centre
- o €2,000.00 Millennium FRC
- o €2,000.00 Ascend, NTDC
- €2,000.00 Silver Arch FRC
- o €1,600.00 Tipperary Rural Traveller Project

On the action lead by Tipperary Sports Partnership approval was sought from Pobal to reallocate the funding portion attributed to Care Pals and training with older adults to the purchase of equipment for older adults. Both of these were approved by Pobal.

## 7. Update from the LECP Training (December 9th)

Margo informed the Committee that Training was provided to members. LECP will be a two part process to include Framework document as well as Implementation Plan. An advisory group will be set up. LECP will be developed in line with sustainable development goals.

## 8. CEP and Social Enterprise Capital Grant

Eddie updated the committee stating the CEP Scheme closed on Friday and applications will be acknowledged. These will be processed in early January 2022.

15 Social Enterprise Grant applications were received 9 successful.

### 9. Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations

Margo stated the LECP process has started. The Draft County Development Plan 2022-2028 is available to view on the Tipperary County Council website.

## 10. Project Compliance with Sustainable Goals - Sean O'Farrell

Sean O'Farrell referred to the Local Government Act 2014 and questioned if we are focusing enough as an LCDC regarding sustainable goals and animation and the need for it. Moving forward we need to have more reference to the sustainable development goals For projects put forward environment needs to be foundation of many of them goals for sustainable communities. We need a charter for progress going forward.

Margo agreed and stated all LECP actions will have to take regard of SDGs. These will permeate the way we work and we will have to facilitate for that to happen.

Pat Slattery agreed and stated sustainable goals have to be part of the process. The last Leader programme weighted on community programmes. We may need to bring expertise and resourcing to animate sustainable goals for improving water quality, producing energy etc. Having it is set out as a requirement when we are compiling our new development strategy. We need to get the message out to communities.

Fiona Crotty suggested as part of Healthy Ireland and food poverty as part of health and wellbeing mainstreaming goals.

## 11. Any Other Business

Pat Slattery informed the committee of the departure of a very valuable member of staff Shane O'Dwyer Administrative Officer to a promotional opportunity and he thanked him for all his work supporting the LCDC meeting. He kept the ship steady and wished him well in his new project. Cllr John Carroll agreed and s

tated he is very important person and a 'top class' official with all the attributes whom he highly regarded. He is very innovative and easy to deal with and he will be hugely missed and he wished him well.

Sean O'Farrell agreed and wished Shane well in his promotion. Michael Murray thanked Shane on behalf of NTDC staff Pat, Lelia and himself, he said Shane was approachable and efficient and wished him the best of luck. Eoin Wolahan asked to be associated with all of those comments and wished Shane the best of luck in his new role and in the future.

Eoin then reminisced on the year gone by and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

#### 12. Date and form of next meetings

Monday 17th January, 2022, Monday 21st February, 2022 and Monday 21st March, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom. As the third Monday in April Easter Monday an alternative date will be arranged in March, 2022.

Signed:

You Wolahan

Date: 17.01. 2021

Eoin Wolahan

Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed:

Chief Officer,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee