

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting
held 15th February, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. Via teleconferencing and Zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr John Carroll (Chair), Adrian Cunneen (DEASP), Cllr Declan Burgess, Karl Cashen (TCC), Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Colin Cummins (TETB), Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC), Cllr Joe Hannigan **(8)**

Private Sector: Isabel Cambie (STDC), Michael Murray (NTDC), Martin Quinn (PPN), Charles Stanley Smith (PPN), Eoin Wolahan (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN), Imelda Walsh (IFA), John Lupton (PPN), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar)**(9)**

Apologies: Cora Horgan (PPN)

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

1.	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u> Cllr John Carroll opened the meeting and welcomed all present.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum Margo confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.</p> <p>1.2 Conflict of Interest Cllr John Carroll (Chair) advised members that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.</p> <p>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>1.4 Ethics Documents Margo informed the committee that the Code of Ethics Documentation sent to each LCDC Member last week and requested for signed documents to be returned to her for recording. If anyone doesn't have a printer Margo can print it and send out to them.</p> <p>A Screen Shot was taken of meeting attendance.</p>
2.	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u></p> <p>The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
3.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 18th January, 2021 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 18th January,</p>

	<p>2021 were agreed on the proposal of Imelda Walsh and seconded by Martin Quinn.</p>
4.	<p><u>SICAP – Report from the LCDC Social Inclusion Programme on the end of Year Performance Appraisal Programme and outcomes</u></p> <p>Margo said she would give an overview on this item in the absence of Cora Horgan who sent her apologies. She informed the meeting that the sub group met on 29th January, 2021 to carry out the end of year review. She stated that both Local Development Companies met their targets. South Tipperary Development Company’s target was reduced from 485 to 412 due to Covid-19 pandemic challenges. On the financial side both Development Companies under spent and had cash in hand from 2019 also. Clarity has been sought by LCDC regarding the planning process around the cash in hand. The LCDC are recommending that with regards to collaborative actions the nature of the collaboration must be outlined e.g. grant, staff time etc Pobal also carried out a review and this has been circulated.</p> <p>John Carroll thanked Margo for the update on SICAP and stated the sub committee provided a lot of information. John stressed the need for LCDC to get up to speed on SICAP as he felt it needed more exposure. He suggested to have break out groups and a workshop at an LCDC meeting to discuss same.</p> <p>Martin agreed it would be a worthwhile exercise.</p> <p>Margo suggested inviting the SICAP Manager to a full LCDC Meeting which was welcomed by all.</p> <p>The SICAP end of year review was approved on the proposal of Martin Quinn, seconded by Imelda Walsh.</p>
5.	<p><u>5.1 LEADER</u></p> <p>5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)</p> <p>No Projects presented for this meeting.</p> <p>Michael briefed the meeting on the Tipperary LAG/NTDC Budget which was approved on the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan, seconded by Cllr Declan Burgess.</p> <p>5.2 STCD CEO Report (Decision)</p> <p>No Projects presented for this meeting.</p> <p>Isabel briefed the meeting on the Tipperary LAG/STDC Budget which was approved on the proposal of Sean O’Farrell, seconded by Martin Quinn.</p>

5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)

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

Jun-20					
Extension up to 12-months - LAG Approval					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension(a approved by Chief Officer)	2 nd Extension	Reason and Background
30LDRNTP110 748	Gortnahoe /Glengoole GAA Walkway	22/09/2020	31st December 2020	1 st Jan 2021 to 14 th May 2021	Final payments have not been made to two providers and the payments will require until the 14 th May 2021. The promoter was out of contract from the 1 st of Jan 2021 until the 15 th of February 2021 . It is however confirmed that no funds were paid in the intervening period

The project extension request was approved on the proposal of John O'Shaughnessy and seconded by John Lupton.

5.4 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision) – Summary Report & Detail Report for noting

Shane O'Dwyer gave an update on the Income and Expenditure by demonstration via snapshot from IT Database.

John complimented the whole LDCDC for coming in at that level, the Executive, Leader Companies and all involved.

The LEADER Income and Expenditure for February, 15th 2021 was approved on the proposal of Martin Quinn and Seconded by John O'Shaughnessy.

5.5 Realigning Budgetary Themes to maximise the delivery for Tipperary

Isabel issued a presentation which was circulated prior to the meeting demonstrating the rationale for moving budget between themes for South Tipperary CLG. Details of the realignment and rationale are held in Appendix 1 of this document.

The realigning of Budgetary Themes rationale was approved on the proposal of John O'Shaughnessy, seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.

5.6 AOB

Michael Murray requested minutes of July 2020 meeting be adjusted for correction of promoter and project number as below:-

Point of Error	July 2020 LCDC Minutes	Feb 2021 LCDC Amendment
Project Number	30LDRntp113035	30LDRntp112943
Project Promoter	Clare Local Development Company	Derg Athletics Club Co. Limited

Also the total project cost was €78,116.38 each is to be supported at a rate of 37.5% by each LAG (NTDC) and (CLDC).

Total Project cost	Amount Sought	Recommended Grant Aid from NTDC (Amount)	Recommended Grant Aid (%)
€78,116.38	€58,587.28 (To be shared equally between NTDC €29,293.64 and CLDC €29,293.64.)	€29,293.64	75% (To be shared equally between NTDC €29,293.64 and CLDC €29,293.64.)

He also requested amendments to the minutes of the LCDC meeting held on the 17th December 2020

- 30LDRntp 114060 - Crafted Crust: grant amount minuted was €27,956.00, it should read €27,951.00.
- 30LDRntp114597 – Cloughjordan House (Capital): the correct project name is Cloughjordan House (A&D). It was approved for grant aid of €29,850 (75% of €39,800).

This correction to the minutes of 20th July, 2020 and 17th December, 2020 meeting were approved on the proposal of Martin Quinn, seconded by Imelda Walsh.

There were two decommitments requiring approval by the LCDC and the Contract Addendums noted by the LCDC, the DRCD had given approval subject to approval of the LAG.

Project ID	Project Name	LEADER Grant Amount	LEADER Grant Amount Paid	LEADER Grant Amount Remaining	Potential Decommittal Amount/Decommitted Amount	Percentage to De-committ	Comments
30LDRNT P110528	Duggan Veterinary Supplies	€69,858.00	€20,475.00	€49,383.00	€49,383.00	70%	First & &
30LDRNT P102978	Equine Therapy for Littleton Residents	€3,300.00	€900.00	€2,400.00	€2,400.00	72.72%	First & &Final

The decommitments which were factored in to budget adjustments were approved on the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan, seconded by John O'Shaughnessy.

Michael Murray wanted mentioned the work involved in delivering the programme and thanked all of the team including Article 48 explaining the challenges that had been overcome and noting that Article 48 in particular operated very well.

6. Healthy Ireland Update

Fiona gave a brief outline of the Healthy Ireland Update on Strand 3 funding and that the Healthy Ireland Steering group met on the 10th February 2021. 44% of the budget had been expended to date and Strand 3 was extended to December 2021 due to the impact of Covid-19 in the delivery of some actions.

F Crotty also outlined the Community Mental Grants Scheme Progress and that the recommendation was to provide an extension until October to ensure delivery of these actions.

There was some information in relation to further actions under Sláintecare aligned to the former RAPID designated areas and this information will be circulated when received.

F Crotty also provided an update in relation to the Healthy Ireland Keep Well campaign, with an overall budget of €85,744 with TCC Actions €67,225 and CYPSC actions €18,519. 90% funding has been provided to deliver this campaign with the balance of 10% to be recouped on satisfaction of the funding compliance by Pobal.

F Crotty informed the LCDC of the Creative Projects Awards Scheme that was mentioned at the January LCDC. Applications with a grant request of €96,000 was received following this funding call and grant budget of €30,000 was available and were assessed.

Healthy Ireland Creative Projects Award Scheme 2021

Applicant	Project	Note
1. Peter O'Toole- Musician	"When the Shed Light is On" - Virtual Mens Sheds project & film	bringing members and families together through zoom-virtual concerts & short film
2. Paul Finch- Visual Artist/Furniture Maker	Sticky Stuff - Making things from green wood workshops	3 info & instructional videos
3. Suzanne Buttimer- Musician and Choral Conductor & Music Therapist	"Minding your Mood" - Music appreciation projects for over 60's	Focus on music to appeal to this age group- weekly session x 6 weeks
4. Kevin Collins - Birdwatch Tipperary	Video on making nest boxes	
5. Cloughjordan Circus Club	Couch to Circus for ages 16-25	4 modules to choose from: 0-3 balls Juggling Challenge/Clowning/ Hula Hoop/ Couch to Handstand- 4 weeks live sessions-(includes pre-recorded daily practice videos)
6. Cloncannon Biofarm	Fair County (Organic/ Biodiversity) - Farming & Gardening with Nature	4 x zoom events
7. South Tipperary Arts Centre	Connect, Create, Inspire A month long online programme of creativity & wellness	10 day meditation challenge- 10 x 35 mins- 1 hr/ Wild Ink Workshops/Creative Mindfulness/Journaling Farmers workshops- all x 4
8. Tudor Artisan Hub - Carrick on Suir	Making of a Radio Drama	working with writers/directors/actors/film makers/ working with two nursing homes
9. Tipperary County Libraries & Ruth Farrell Horticulturist	6 Instructional gardening videos	Streamed to a live audience online
10. Eamon O'Malley- Musician	The Sofa Symphony - Listening Party classical masterpieces	4 events - 15-20 info/context video - shared online listening party- live online comments board. Bach/Beethoven/Debussy/Gershwin

John thanked Fiona for very comprehensive report. Imelda complimented Fiona on presentation and the fantastic work. She commented that it's extremely difficult even in mainstream setting let also for famers. A phone call can make a difference.

Donal said with extension of lockdown farming community need more support he can try help whatever can be done he can help with distribution to co-ops.

Joe stressed how important it is to get these initiatives out there with Covid-19 it would be good to know these supports are there for them. He asked if GAA clubs can be on distribution list and mentioned Timmy Floyd Secretary of all the clubs as a contact.

Sean said he would love to be able to access information on all different communities projects that were underway.

Fiona outlined that all of the activities and opportunities will be

	<p>promoted on https://www.whatsonintipp.ie and also on the various council social media and partner channels. Fiona referred also the Keep well signposting section on https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/keepwell and requested that partners can provide content to be shared through this signposting platform which is being promoted on radio and social media and we can also showcase through the fortnightly In this Together newsletter.</p> <p>Fiona also committed to making contact with Tipperary GAA, she was already in contact with the Health and Wellbeing to promote the supports available.</p>
7.	<p><u>Covid-19 Emergency Fund Round 2</u></p> <p>Eddie Meegan updated the committee.</p> <p>There where 100 applications.</p> <p>Two Red Cross and 1 Order of Malta are given the highest score. They are approved up to €1000.</p> <p>Thirty six (36) groups where given the next highest score. This is based on information these groups provided about how they participated in the community call in 2020. They are approved for up to €500.</p> <p>The remaining 61 groups are approved up to €429.</p> <p>The Covid-19 Emergency Fund Round 2 was approved on the proposal of Cllr Declan Burgess seconded by Martin Quinn.</p>
8.	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>Margo informed the committee of the 'Regenerative and Biodiversity Enriching Agriculture' Webinar which takes on 3rd March, 2021 the details of which she will forward on.</p> <p>She also informed the group of the PPN training courses all the details available on the PPN Website and also the Keep Well campaign on the Council website.</p>
9.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Martin suggested Muintir na Tire would be distribution channel for information that Fiona had on Health Ireland.</p> <p>John Carroll agreed and if anyone has any information or suggestions to forward to Fiona.</p> <p>Charles informed the meeting that Avril Wilson is resigning from the PPN to take up a new role and he wanted on behalf of the committee to wish her the best for the future.</p> <p>John Carroll also extended best wishes on behalf of the LCDC. He commended her on her great interpersonal skills and excellent work.</p> <p>Pat Slattery suggested we send a letter to Avril on behalf of the LCDC sending her best wishes on behalf of the LCDC signed by the Chair.</p>

10.	<p><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></p> <p>15th March, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom.</p>
11.	<p><u>Transitional Funding Discussion/Workshop</u></p> <p>Pat Killeen, NTDC and Sara Bourke STDC joined the meeting for discussion on transitional funding.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the Transitional Rural Development Programme March 2021 – December 2022. This discussion went over time and a number of the members left at various points.</p> <p>After much discussion Pat Slattery suggested reducing the Rural Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation budget to 50%, Social Inclusion to 30% and increasing Rural Environment from 20%. He suggested we bring to the March meeting for agreement and review in September.</p> <p>Another suggestion was to explore the possibility of reducing the match funding element of Environmental capital projects to 10% from 25%.</p> <p>Martin said if we are happy with Pat's proposal we will write to the Department on behalf of the LAG. It was agreed that the LAG would make contact with the Department.</p> <p>Shane also noted that the LAG at the March meeting could decide to increase the grant funding from 50% to 75% for private enterprise.</p> <p>Michael complimented the team on the quick turn around for meeting? Isabel seconded that Sara Bourke STDC emphasised the need for collaboration on the LCDDC at operational level and if anyone has any ideas on priority areas to share with them.</p>

Signed:  **Date:** _____
 Cllr. John Carroll,
 Chair,
 Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed:  **Date:** 18/3
 Pat Slattery,
 Chief Officer,
 Tipperary Local Community Development Committee