

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting
held 15th March, 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), Cllr Joe Hannigan **(7)**

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), Cora Horgan (PPN) **(9)**

Apologies: John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar)

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

<p>1.</p>	<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 there are a number of outstanding Code of Ethics Documentation to be returned. If anyone doesn't have a printer Margo can print it and send out to them in a stamped addressed envelope if they haven't printing facilities at home.</p> <p>A Screen Shot was taken of meeting attendance.</p> <p>Note:- Due to technical difficulties with Cllr John Carrolls Zoom it was recommended that Martin Quinn Vice Chair would Chair the meeting.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>

3.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 15th February, 2021 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u></p> <p>The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 15th February, 2021 were agreed on the proposal of Eoin Wolohan and seconded by Imelda Walsh.</p>
4.	<p><u>SICAP – 2021 Work Programme</u></p> <p>Margo updated the committee stating that the Development Companies under spend proposals were different. STDC had their balance stitched into their Annual Plan for 2021. NTDC have assigned their balance to grants for priority groups, training and a number of different actions etc.</p> <p><u>Presentation from Maedhbh Gordon Social Inclusion Manager NTDC</u></p> <p>Maedhbh Gordon SICAP Manager gave a presentation of how SICAP can deliver for Communities and Individuals under the following headings:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Goal 1.1 Empowering Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empowering Women Group - Loughnagalla Biodiversity Park and play space - Roscrea CAP Community Newsletter ➤ Goal 1.2 Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tipperary Child Access Centre Feasibility study ➤ Goal 1.3 Social Enterprise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SCEAL Lorrha - Roscrea Age Friendly - REACH Roscrea Hub - ILDN Social Enterprise Regeneration consortia lead applicant ➤ Goal 1.4 Volunteering ➤ Goal 2.1 Learning for Life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Failte Isteach - Teen Pilot Language support - Acorn Tablet Training - Newport Craft ➤ Goal 2.2 Personal Development & Wellbeing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Holistic Sessions - Self Care Check-ins - SHEP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mens Wellbeing • Seasons for Growth - Introduction to Positive Psychology - Mindful Movement - Wellmama Parent Support Sessions ➤ Goal 2.3 Youth Development & Family Support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Borrisokane - Newport - Borrisoleigh - Roscrea ➤ Goal 2.4 Work Readiness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Individual Grant Applications - Safe Pass - Personal Action Plans

- Goal 2.5 Work Planning & Career Support
 - Resettlement/direct provision targeted support
 - Youth unemployment – 18-24 years
 - Traveller men employment supports
- Goal 2.6 Enterprise Supports for Job Seekers
- Goal 2.7 Emerging Need LGBTI+Adult Support

Martin thanked Maedhbh for the informative presentation.

Sean thanked Maedhbh for the most comprehensive report and all the work being done makes him proud to be on the LCDC and asked if the work can be showcased in the media.

Maedhbh replied by saying a bi quarterly newsletter will be available to download and view on line and plans to engage with media through radio. She added the plan is to raise the profile of SICAP and said it is important to raise that awareness in North of the County.

Margo thanked Maedhbh and all her team for all the work and she hopes to have SICAP element on the Agenda for every LCDC Meeting to keep the linkages.

5. **5.1 LEADER**

5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Michael Murray briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects.

5.1.1 - To Decide on NTDC 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 NTDC project, the members were taken through this by Michael Murray.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP114889
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	John Hanly & Co. Ltd.
Description:	John Hanly & Co. – Warp Machine: To purchase a new warp machine, which will give a better cost efficiency, less maintenance as well as securing and ensuring the future viability of the Company.
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation.
Sub-theme:	Integrated & Targeted Approach to Sustainable Enterprise & Job Creation in Co. Tipperary.
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:	€32,518.50 (40.648% of €80,000.00)
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:	€32,518.50 (40.648% of €80,000.00)
Proposed by:	John Lupton
Seconded by:	Imelda Walsh
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

John Lupton had a query in relation to performance indicators and wondered about the net income and loss he questioned the projected loss and why it is down so much and the sustainability of this project.

Michael Murray confirmed that this query had been raised at the IEC and that Patrick Killeen from his office and Mary Ryan from Tipperary LEO had done a review. When the figures were examined by Mary and Patrick it was clear that the situation was not as challenging as perceived there had been some savings due to staff retirements and some sales increases due to online sales arising from a previous RDP grant. With this analysis the promoters revised the projections and the revised data indicated the business is sustainable. Michael agreed to circulate the revised figures to the LCDC members, and apologized for the oversight in not having them presented before the meeting today.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP114906
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Boher Community Development Group
Description:	Boher Community Sensory Garden & Recreation Amenities: The development of a disability friendly biodiversity sensory garden and geo-dome with parking disability access and groundworks.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Safeguarding our Biodiversity
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:	€100,684.88 (75% of €134,246.51)
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:	€100,684.88 (75% of €134,246.51)
Proposed by:	ClIr Joe Hannigan
Seconded by:	Imelda Walsh
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

5.2 STCD CEO Report (Decision)

No Projects presented for this meeting as very little budget available. Isabel informed the meeting once the money starts to flow in she can bring projects to the next meeting.

5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)

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

Mar-21					
Extensions over 6-months - LCDC Approval					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRNTP 108544	The Hub - Ballymackey Football Club FC	08/10/2020	07/04/202 1	06/10/202 1	Due to Covid- 19 restrictions progress on the project has been delayed

The project extension request was approved on the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan 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 Report.

The LEADER Income and Expenditure for March, 15th 2021 was approved on the proposal of Imelda Walsh and seconded by John Lupton.

5.5 Decision around Transitional Funding White Paper

Shane O'Dwyer updated the meeting on the announcement by Minister Heather Humphreys Department of Rural and Community Development and Charlie McConalogue Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine of €70 million LEADER Funding for Rural Communities and Enterprises for 2021-

2022. This is an additional €50 million to the initial funding of €20 million announced in December 2020.

Shane asked if the committee wanted to wait to make a decision until we have more details on this funding which he estimates will be 2.1 million for 2021-2022 for Tipperary.

After much discussion it was agreed that if further information is received from the DRCD regarding the revised funding a decision can be made at the LAG meeting in March.

5.6 Leader Annual progress report and implementation plan for 2021

Shane gave an update and informed the committee on the progress of the current LEADER programme identifying how successful the LAG was in delivering projects to the amount of the full Budget. He also noted that Tipperary came out 2nd highest in the country on Environment theme in LEADER.

5.7. AOB

Isabel informed the committee of a request for correction to the May 2019 minutes South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association – Project Code 30LDRSTP108408.

Number one

May 2019 LCDC minutes re **Evaluation Recommendation** states “Final Approval of a provisional approval. Grant award of 189,358.47 (75% of 252,477.97)

I would like to replace this with:- 67% of €297,557.66 i.e. grant of up to €200,000 Recommendation is based on provisional costing submitted by the promoter

Number two

I agree with the text that you have included under “ % level of aid and ceiling”

Final approval Grant award €189,358.47 (75% of €252,477.97).

Provisional approval of the IEC’s recommendation was granted by the LCDC at the Nov 18 LCDC meeting. The full procurement process has since been finalized and the project is now seeking full LCDC approval.

Original wording – final approval of a provisional approval. Grant award €189,358.45 (75% of €252,477.97)

The amendments for the correction to the May 2019 minutes was approved on the proposal of Eoin Wolohan and seconded by John Lupton.

There were two de committals 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 Number	Project Name	Grant Amount	Amount Claimed	Decommitment
30LDRntp102833	Caravan & Camping (Promoter: Sean O'Meara)	€24,999.75	€16,192.88	€8,806.87
30LDRNTP106420	Online Presentation/Job Search Training for Unemployed - Training Aspect (Promoter: NTDC)	€ 4,920.00	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,920.00

The de committals were approved on the proposal of John Lupton, seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.

6. Healthy Ireland Update

Fiona gave a brief outline of the Healthy Ireland Update:-

- Strand 3 Actions Healthy Ireland Fund – extension to December 2021 Financial Return on overall Healthy Ireland actions outlining any additional salary costs or action costs for delivery to December 2021 prepared for submission to Pobal,
- LCDC lead partner for action for Dementia Awareness, Learn Listen Link Training proceeding across the MD's and also held an awareness workshop with Councillors in February and radio interview
- Keep Well Campaign distribution of Age Friendly resilience packs through the Coop Network in the county
- Keep Well Metric Data Collection Guidelines established by the Department to commence this week and will be returned on historical basis and then returned on weekly basis.

7. Covid-19 Emergency Fund Round 2

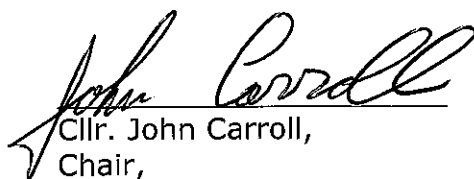
Eddie Meegan informed the committee the Covid-19 Emergency Fund Round 2 closing date is 29th January, 2021 and he hopes to have these grants processed by end of April and staff are currently working on it.

8. LCDC Annual Report 2020

Margo informed the committee that the LCDC Annual Report for 2020 was distributed prior to the meeting. She encouraged everyone to have a look at it and if there was any changes to come back to her. She added that the plan gave a good overview of what was achieved with updates on the Community call, LEADER/SICAP/ Schemes (T&V Renewal. ORIS, CLAR), Healthy Ireland, Age Friendly, Migrant Integration as well as priorities for 2021.

<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>Margo informed the committee of the workshop re LECP Guidelines Submission which will take place at item 12 and the closing date is 24th March, 2021.</p> <p>Also the closing date for submissions for Death Register on the reform of the method by which deaths are notified and registered is the 12th April, 2021.</p> <p>Margo informed the committee of the call from the Department for proposals for Community Development Pilot Projects. It is highly competitive as funds in the amount €120,000 -140,000 per organisation can be received. Cuan Saor womens refuge has partnered with Ascend NTDC to make an application tackling domestic violence in Travellers Community and is seeking LCDC support.</p> <p>Eddie suggestion we would draft up a letter to support the application. It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan and seconded by Imelda Walsh.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Sean reminded the committee that tonight was the last night of screening of Farming and Gardening with Nature Seminar which is on at 7.30-8.30 via zoom.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></p> <p>Monday 19th April, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom. A LAG Meeting will also be arranged before this meeting at this meeting there will be a project for consideration, potentially a number of decommitals a Budget re-alignment and if further information is received from the Department the motions for the Transitional White Paper discussion will be considered.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Discussion re LECP Guidelines Submission</u></p> <p>Discussions took place with Ciaran Lynch LECP Advisory Committee and Elaine Cullinan and Kathleen Prendergast Economic LECP.</p> <p>After much discussion Margo advised she would compile a list of the outcomes and proposals and send around a draft for everyone to have a look at as the closing date for submission is 24th March.</p>

Signed:


 Cllr. John Carroll,
 Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

23/03/21

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat Slattery", is enclosed within a thin rectangular border.

Date: 23/3/2021

Pat Slattery,
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

