

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held  
18<sup>th</sup> January, 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) **(7)**

**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) **(8)**

**Apologies:** Anne Ryan (HSE), John Lupton (PPN)

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

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></b></p> <p>Cllr John Carroll opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He acknowledged the very recent passing of our late colleague Ann Ryan Commins RIP. He said she was a key member in the setting up of the LCDC and a key player in every role she undertook and added she will be very sadly missed. John asked for a minutes silence as a mark of respect for our former colleague.</p> <p>Margo also paid tribute to Ann and said she was important in the early days of the LCDC and instrumental in making it what it is today. She was excellent in making connections and her legacy will be felt by lots of families in years to come especially in connection with projects that she initiated such as jigsaw and Music Generation.</p> <p>A minutes silent was observed.</p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b> Margo confirmed that a quorum had been achieved.</p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest</b> Cllr John Carroll (Chair) advised members that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision</b> Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>A Screen Shot was taken of meeting attendance.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u></b> The draft agenda was agreed.</p>

	<p>Charles Stanley Smith mentioned he had requested at the previous LCDC to revisit where we are with the LDC. He stated we don't have very long to do this as we need to know where we are going from April onwards. He suggested we reconstitute the sustainable community sub group.</p> <p>Pat Slattery agreed with the idea and suggested if a discussion with plenary group be held initially to get ideas, we would have to do background work on what we have achieved and what we need going forward. He suggested to look at the County Development Plan submission the issues highlighted may be a starting point.</p> <p>Sean O'Farrell is open to plenary get contributions form all members and go from there.</p> <p>Pat Slattery asked for it to be an item on the February Agenda and a sub group can be set up to discuss further.</p> <p>Sean said if we could get revision from outcomes of workshop from Dr. Harriet Emerson.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 &amp; Matters Arising (Decision)</u></b></p> <p>The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 were agreed on the proposal of Martin Quinn and seconded by Eoin Wolohan.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><u>SICAP – Annual Planning Process</u></b></p> <p>Margo informed the meeting that the Annual Planning Process is still under way. The plans need to be approved by the end of February, 2021. Pobal's Review of the Annual Plans have gone to Development Companies for comments. The End of Year Performance Appraisal of 2020 outcomes by the LCDC has also commenced and relevant documents had to be uploaded on Iris by 15<sup>th</sup> January . The sub group will be meeting regarding same.</p> <p>Ann Ryan HSE has stepped down from LCDC membership as HSE South East and Mid West do 3 years each. Margo has written to HSE CH05 for replacement representative form HSE for LCDC and sub group. Colin Cummins, TETB is on sub group also.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b><u>5.1 LEADER</u></b></p> <p><b>5.1 NTDC CEO Report</b></p> <p>No Projects presented for this meeting.</p> <p><b>5.2 STCD CEO Report</b></p>

### 5.2.1 - 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 declared a Conflict of Interest for the following project and absented herself from the meeting during discussion and consideration.

Pat Slattery also declared a Conflict of Interest for this project and absented himself from the meeting during discussion and consideration.

In order to maintain the balance between public and private members Anthony Fitzgerald absented himself for the duration of their discussion in order to satisfy the public/private balance requirements.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRSTP114259
Promoter Code:	
<b>Promoters Name:</b>	Munster Vales
Description:	Strategic Marketing and Promotion involving Community Engagement, Development of food, drink, garden, heritage trails, digital marketing.
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub-theme:	Rural 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:	€22.090.00, 50% of €44,180.00
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:	€22.090.00, 50% of €44,180.00

Proposed by:	Declan Burgess
Seconded by:	Eoin Wolohan
Absenters:	Yes – Isabel Cambie, Pat Slattery and Anthony Fitzgerald.
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Cllr Declan Burgess added that it's great to see this project before us. It is bursting with potential.

Eoin concurred saying it was a great project.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRSTP114641
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Coniaka Ltd, Tipperary Town
Description:	Refurbishment of warehouse premises to use as bakery for "Ryans of Tipperary" brand. This will enable the company to bake in house as opposed to buying in products - some from UK.
Theme:	Economic Development
Sub-theme:	Enterprise Development
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:	€200,000 33.500837% of €597,000.00
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:	€200,000 33.500837% of €597,000.00
Proposed by:	Martin Quinn
Seconded by:	Cllr Declan Burgess
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel added that the Coniaka project was recommended to be referred for assessment under the National Food Programme.

Martin said he is very happy to propose this project as it is very important business for Tipperary Town.

Charles questioned the fact that the rural environment is in the red in comparison to economic and social inclusion funds. He asked if we are offsetting funds or when was this decision made.

Shane replied by saying when he can go through the LEADER figures he can explain.

### **5.3 Leader Extensions**

None.

### **5.4 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report**

Shane O'Dwyer gave an update on the Income and Expenditure.

He explained there is €439,891 remaining when all projects at stage 15 are considered. There are projects queued at Stage 10. He did highlight however that Basic Services in hard to reach communities was overspent by €48,102 and that the Social Inclusion Theme was overspent by €409. He also highlighted that Rural Towns was overspent by €1469. He explained that he has been in regular contact with the IP's and that until funds have been realigned or decommitments processed no further projects in these subthemes should be approved. HE went on to explain that a proposal as to realigning funding should be brought to the LCDC for their consideration.

Charles stated as a LAG we need to sit down and remake decisions – only a couple of months to sort it out.

Donal asked if it is a case that projects haven't come forward for environmental and Biodiversity.

Shane replied it is hard to get animation around this area, it has proven to be particularly challenging but is likely to be a bid focus of the next LEADER programme.

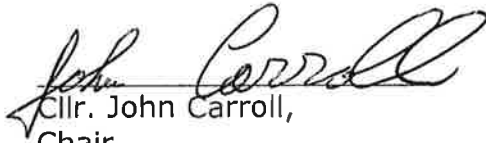
Donal said he's conscious that for some new projects extra resources are needed in that area.

Charles stressed that's why LDS is so important and we need spend more on animation on rural environment and not be 'putting it on the long finger'.

	<p>Michael thanked Shane as he said he is working in the background on this and there are more projects to come through that will fall under rural projects category.</p> <p>The LEADER Income and Expenditure for January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 was approved on the proposal of Imelda Walsh and Seconded by Martin Quinn.</p> <p><b><u>5.5 A.O.B</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Tipperary Funding Agreement Addendum</u></b></p> <p>Transitional LEADER Programme funding was agreed by the Department up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for LEADER to extend current contractual arrangement.</p> <p>A copy of the Addendum to the Funding Agreement between the Department of Rural &amp; Community Development and the Tipperary Local Action Group (LAG) (dated 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016) and a copy of contract was emailed with the Agenda to committee. The extension contract has to be signed by the Chair and the Local Development Companies. It is an extension of the arrangement that is currently in place. The two IP's will remain as is.</p> <p>Proposed by Imelda Walsh, seconded by Sean O'Farrell.</p>
7.	<p><b><u>Healthy Ireland Update</u></b></p> <p>Fiona gave a brief outline of the Healthy Ireland Update. She stated Strand 3 Healthy Ireland Funding which has been extended to December 2021 but no formal notification has been received yet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dementia Awareness training programme has been stalled until February due to Covid restrictions and guidelines.</li> <li>• All Healthy Ireland actions are proceeding when we can do so.</li> <li>• Age Friendly Calendar is set up.</li> <li>• PPN provided fund for training. 75 groups took part in November 2020.</li> <li>• Next session hope to focus on non Irish</li> <li>• Derek in Volunteer Centre Tipperary celebrating together all community volunteers and groups that have provided supports since last March.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bursary Scheme 'Staying Connected' up on 20<sup>th</sup> January 19, 2021</li> <li>• Rural Farmers Nenagh</li> <li>• Social Media Campaign 'Keeping Well' being promoted through Tipp FM and Tipp Mid West Radios.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Correspondence, Submissions &amp; Consultations</u></b></p> <p>Margo brought to the attention of the committee the email from Sean O'Farrell on "Pathways to the Circular Economy" Webinar beginning on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</p> <p>Sean raised the issue of Knockanrawley Energy Retrofit funding where over half the funding has to be from their own fund. He suggested the Local Authority should put forward proposal to source funds from national pot.</p> <p>Pat replied by saying he will speak with Marion O'Neill Environment section who manages Climate Action to see what funding may be available. Knockanrawley as the applicant would need to be submitting the application but could be supported.</p> <p>Sean thanked Pat and asked if we could bring a number of Family Resource Centres to the attention to national or local government for support.</p> <p>Isabel thanked Sean for his suggestion and stated Tipperary Energy Agency works with the IP's and promoters looking for sources of match funding.</p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Shane informed the committee that the Town and Village Main Scheme was approved by the Department. A total of 7 projects of the 9 applied for were approved. A total grant amount of almost €800,000 for the County, the 5<sup>th</sup> highest grant in the Country.</p> <p>Shane added the hard work from all of the groups has been recognised.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></b></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom.</p>

**Signed:**



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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:**



Pat Slattery,  
Chief Officer,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

**Date:** 3/7/2021