

**Minutes of
Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting held on
22nd February at 11am
[ZOOM]**

In Attendance

Mr. Paul Patton
Ms. Bernie Haugh
Cllr. Johnny Flynn
Cllr Cillian Murphy
Mr. Cllr.Gerry Flynn
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Mr. Thomas Lane
Ms. Sheila Lynch
Ms. Bridget Ginnitty
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Mr. Brian McManus
Mr. Leonard Cleary
Ms. Bedelia Collins

Organisation

Chairperson - Education & Training Board
Chief Officer
Elected member
Elected Member
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Community & Voluntary Interests
Social Inclusion Interests
Agriculture Sector
Ennis Chamber
Environmental
Community & Voluntary Interests
Clare Youth Service
Director of Service
HSE

Apologies received.

Mr. Pat Dowling	Chief Executive
Mr. Padraic McElwee	Head of Enterprise
Ms. Bridgie Casey	Social Inclusion
Cllr. Bill Chambers	Elected Member
Dorin Graham	Clare Local Development Company
Maurice Harvey	Age Friendly Alliance Board

Guests Attended:

Sean O' Riordain	LECP Consultant
Maureen O'Reilly	Consultant
Jason Murphy	Ukrainian Director of Services
Darina Green	CLDC
Samantha McCarthy	CLDC

LCDC Support Staff

Mr. Brendan Boyce	Rural Development
Mr. Frank Cullinan	Rural Development
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin	Rural Development

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: Minutes from 26th January 2023 taken as read

Proposed: Hillary Tonge

Seconded: Cllr. Cillian Murphy

Matters Arising: The chair has advised the members of 2 items of correspondence that were circulated prior to today's meeting.

Membership changes to the PPN Representation on the LCDC removal of Niamh O Callaghan and Brigid Ginnity. The chair acknowledges, their contribution to the Committee and thanked them for their contributions.

Secondly the chair welcomed Leonard Cleary, Director of Services who has been nominated by the Chief Executive.

TOPIC 2: LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN

Issue: The Chair welcomed Sean O' Riordain Consultants and his colleague Maureen O'Reilly who gave an update on the LECP process and what to expect over the coming weeks.

Sean had recently briefed the Economic SPC and LCDC on their workplan.

Sean introduced Maureen and advised the members that she will be working with the LCDC on the Socio-Economic element of the LECP.

Mark Coleman from Sean's team will be working with the Economic element of the LECP.

Feedback Cllr Johnny Flynn pointed out that the movement of people is very important, and that funding received is based on population figures i.e., Shannon is underfunded.

He also mentioned that there are thousands of undocumented people in Ireland, would it be possible to find out the true population through PPS numbers and the increase since the last census.

Cllr Johnny Flynn also pointed out that there is a big concern re the influence of Drugs in the county.

Bridget Ginnity would like data in the context of Public Transport and for Climate mitigation.

Dermot Hayes has concerns around the growth in home care and the shortage of home help and this should be looked at where people under 65 with disabilities should not be accommodated in nursing homes.

Johnny Flynn feels a lot of urban issues fall to the side and that decision making needs to be more balanced and included Urban and Rural.

Paul Patton advised the members of the LECP Workshop which will be attended by LCDC, Rural and Economic SPC on the 06th April and advised members to Save the Date.

Action Anita to send a Calendar request for the 6th April 2023

Issue: Update on Community Engagement Pilot Project

Brendan Boyce gave an overview of a Community Engagement Pilot that was successful in receiving 40k for this Pilot in Clare.

He thanked Aobhain Haverty (LCETB), Sarah Clancy (PPN) Ciara Griffin (CLDC) for their time and commitment to the collaborative project. The Community Engagement Pilot project will inform how Community Engagement should occur with a focus on the most marginalised within our community. The project will work in tandem with our LECP process and will inform some of the eventual findings in our final LECP. There is a budget of 40,000 towards this project and the LCDC Workshop on Inclusive Community Engagement in Local Planning and Decision Making which is been held tomorrow will build on some learnings from the 3 other pilot projects that are underway in the country.

TOPIC 3: SICAP

Issue: SICAP Annual Plan 2023

Brendan Boyce gave an Update on the SICAP Annual Plan for 2023. He advised that the SICAP 2023 plan has been prepared and submitted on the IRIS system. He has on behalf of the LCDC reviewed both the outturns of the 2022 plan and the proposed 2023 plan. He is happy with these, and it has also been approved by Pobal. This will be

updated to the system in the coming week. The Annual Budget has increased slightly for 2023.

Brendan gave a summary of the financial and non-financial items from Pobal regarding the 2022 end of year review.

- Based on the level of information provided in the 2022 End of Year report, Lot 16-1 can be approved.
- The LDC has achieved both KPIs. KPI 1 – Community Groups and KPI 1 Individuals both are over target.
- The expenditure for 2022 is within the required thresholds therefore no remedies apply.

On behalf on Clare Local Development Company the SICAP Annual Plan 2023 was presented to the LCDC Members by Samantha McCarthy and Darina Green on behalf of Doírin Graham who sent her apologies, a very comprehensive report of the invaluable work in this area.



2023 Presentation to LCDC DG.pptx

Feedback

Dermot Hayes queried what are the barriers for Students going onto 3rd level education? Darina advised that their focus was on post primary school, but accommodation and cost would be an issue however they haven't had a request for support.

Action:

Presentation to be forwarded to LCDC Members.

Responsibility: Anita O' Loughlin

Proposed: Dermot Hayes
Seconded Brian McManus

TOPIC 4: COMMUNITY RECOGNITION FUND 2023

Issue: Jason Murphy of the Ukrainian Services Development gave an overview to the Members on the Community Recognition Fund 2023 and the situation is for Ukrainians in Clare.

County Clare has received €2.9m for the Community Recognition Fund with currently 152 application in for this funding which is due to close on 22nd February 2023. 60% of the Funding is required to be drawn down by October.

He advised members that the main focus of this grant will be to support communities where Ukrainians are hosted in the town/villages within the county and have become part of the community. Groups that have provided services and support within the community are encouraged to apply.



TOPIC 5: UPDATE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PILOT

Issue: **Clare Traveller CDP Annual Plan 2023**

Brendan Boyce advised members that Clare County Council received €125,000 from the DRCD which is allocated in 2 sums of €62,500 to Clare Local Development Company for this Project. The project focuses on Community development to build the capacity and empowerment of Travellers in County Clare to participate and be central in designing a response to their key needs and issues to improve their quality of life.

In relation to this plan Brendan has met and discussed the outturns of 2022 and the proposed works for 2023 and he is pleased to recommend this plan to the LCDC members for approval. Unfortunately, Bridgie was unable to make today's meeting, but she has indicated that she will be making a presentation at our next LCDC meeting in April and will showcase the good works that have been done and is continued to be done under this project.

Proposer: Sheila Lynch
Secunder: Cllr.Cillian Murphy

TOPIC 6: COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND 2022 UPDATE

Issue: Update members on the Community Support Fund 2022.

Frank Cullinan gave the members an update on progress to date. He reminded members that Clare has been allocated funding of €301,325.00 for both day to day running costs, capital projects and a ring-fenced sum for women's sheds. We are now at the halfway stage of the application process and to date we have received 95 applications. Based on the current trajectory we are on course to match or exceed the number of applications received to date. Frank gave an overview of what the breakdown of completed applications was in terms of day-to-day costs and capital projects. Capital projects ranging in value from €4,000.00 to €10,000.00. Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday 31st March at 4pm.

TOPIC 7: LEADER PROGRAMME- EOI STAGE 2 UPDATE

Issue: Update on Leader Programme

Chair Paul Patton read out the letter that was sent by Pat Dowling to Clare Local Development Company, correspondence of this was forwarded to members by email on 21st February 2023.

Notification form the Department was received on the 26th of January stating that following our EOI we have been successful and will progress to Stage 2. Pobal will undertake workshops to inform the process of the LECP which has to be submitted by the 14th July 2023. Funding of €50,000 has been provided for the development of a Local Development Strategy. To move forward the LCDC will need to engage a consultant. LCDC support staff will progress with this.

Cllr Cillian Murphy queried if there were multiple applications gone in from other LCDC's around the country?

Chair Paul Patton advised members that there is a link on the DRCD website with the outcomes of the expression of Interests that were

submitted available for their information. 46 application from Stage 1 were approved to proceed to stage 2.

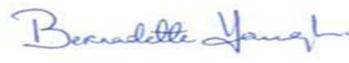
TOPIC 8: AOB

Issue: Paul Patton and Bernie Haugh acknowledged the removal of Niamh O' Callaghan and Bridget Ginnity from the Clare PPN.

TOPIC 9: Next Meeting

Next Meeting Date
Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 11am

Signed: 
LCDC Chairman: Mr. Paul Patton

Signed: 
LCDC Chief Officer: Bernie Haugh