

**Minutes of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Thursday 19th September 2019 @ 15.30
Warren Suite, Celtic Ross Hotel, Rosscarbery, Co. Cork.**

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henahan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Thomas Collins	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private
Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. John Kennedy	Foroige	Private

Apologies:

Ms. Aaran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Vacant	Cork PPN	Private
Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileánTeo	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private

In Attendance - Support Staff:

Ms. Kay Keegan	Chief Officer, LCDC
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer
Ms. Valerie Hayes	Cork County Council
Terence Sheehan	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11) In attendance= 13 (5 private: 8 Public) Apologies= 6 Total membership= 19</p>
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Welcome & Introduction

1. Election of

a. Chair of LCDC

The Chief Officer welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced with the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

Ms. K. Keegan, Chief Officer, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the LCDC. Cllr. Declan Hurley was proposed by Ms. E. O'Shea and seconded by Mr. J. Kennedy. As there were no other nominations for Chair of the LCDC, Cllr. Declan Hurley was deemed elected as Chair of the West Cork LCDC.

b. Vice Chair of LCDC

The Chair called for nominations for position of Vice-Chair of the West Cork LCDC. Cllr. John O'Sullivan was proposed by Mr. J. Kennedy and seconded by Ms. E. O'Shea. As there were no other nominations for Vice-Chair of the LCDC, Cllr. John O'Sullivan was deemed elected as Vice Chair of the West Cork LCDC.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 9th May, 2019

The minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 9th May, 2019 were proposed by Mr. K. Curran and seconded by Mr. J. O'Sullivan and formally adopted by the meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Right to Read Action Plan

A presentation was made by Dolores Casey, Exec Librarian, Cork County Library on the recently announced Action Plan. The Chair thanked Dolores for a very informative presentation.

4. SICAP

Andrew Lewis confirmed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Group had met with the Programme Implementers for the three SICAP Lots in West Cork. The performance exceeded the KPI targets set for the Mid Year and it was anticipated that this progress would continue to the Year End. The financial performance and budget monitoring also confirmed that there were no significant under/overspends anticipated at Year End. On that basis the Sub Group recommended that the LCDC approved the Mid Year position for Lots 18-5, 18-6 and 18-7.

Approval of the Mid Year Review for Lots 18-5, 18-6 and 18-7 were proposed by Ms. C. Henehan and seconded by Mr. K. Curran.

5. Community Enhancement Programme 2019

Ms. K. Keegan advised that under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 €160,762 was allocated to Cork County and 30% (€48,228) was to be specifically for projects of €1,000 or less. There were 127 applications received county wide to the value of €769,867.

	Received	Successful	Unsuccessful	<€1000	>€1000
West Cork M.D.	34	20	14	€10,752 (12)	€23,450 (8)
Bandon/Kinsale MD	11	7	4	€2,000 (2)	€15,500 (5)

The intention was to hold the recommendation meeting in September (following the appointment of Chairs to the LCDC) with recommendations brought to the LCDC meetings in October due to the later closing date for Cork compared to the rest of the country. However the Department wished to announce the national allocations together so there was no time to hold a full evaluation meeting as a Sub-Group of the LCDC. Chief Officer informed the meeting that the MD officers were consulted. Reasons for unsuccessful projects included:

- Projects that were too large for the timeframe and the amount of the fund
- Quotations not included with the applications
- Lack of clarity regarding the aim of the project

A table of recommendations was presented to the LCDC and the recommendations were adopted by the LCDC on the proposal of Mr. J. Kennedy and seconded by Mr. K. Curran.

It was confirmed that there are attempts being made by Directors forums at national level to convince the DRCD to streamline the grants process for community groups as there are many separate grants with differing deadlines and amounts available.

6. Mens Shed/Womens Shed Grants 2019

Ms. K. Keegan advised that under the Community enhancement Programme 2019 Men's Shed & Women's Shed Grant, €28,796 was allocated to Cork County for capital projects. The grants were to be made available to those Men's Sheds registered with the National Association of Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds that followed the same ethos, who submitted applications. Recommendations for West Cork LCDC were as follows:

ShedsCEP/2019/Allihies Men's Shed	€1,600
ShedsCEP/2019/Bothán Chleire Men's Shed	€1,600
Sheds/CEP/2019/Beara Women's Shed	€1,600

The recommendations were adopted by the LCDC on the proposal of Ms. P. Bright seconded by Mr. K. Curran.

7. Healthy Ireland Round 3 Fund

Mr. N. O'Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Cork County Council presented the recommendation from the LCDC Sub-Group regarding the allocation of Round 3 Healthy Ireland Fund. Round 3 funding was announced in June 2019 and the funding is over a 2 year period with a total of €195,000 available in Year 1 and €165,000 available in year 2. These are reductions on previous rounds of funding.

The recommendations of the LCDC Healthy Ireland Sub Group, who met on 22nd Aug, were presented as follows:

Project Proposer	Project Title	Theme	Year 1 Recommended for Pobal Proposal	Year 2 Recommended for Pobal Proposal
Cork County Council	Healthy Ireland Coordinator	N/A	€ 37,500.00	€ 37,500.00
Cork County Council	Teen Talk & Gen Z	Mental Health	€ 84,000.00	€ 76,500.00
Cork Environmental Forum	Transport Mobility Forum Coordinator	Spaces & Places for Health & Wellbeing	€ 15,000.00	€ 15,000.00
PSYCHED Workplaces	Operational costs	Mental Health	€ 3,750.00	€ 3,750.00
Cork Local Sports Partnership	Schools Engagement Prog & Active Communities Cork	Physical Activity	€ 32,750.00	To be reviewed at end of Year 1
Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services	Smoking Cessation & Awareness Program for Youths	Tobacco & Alcohol	€ 4,000.00	€ 4,000.00
Pieta House	Resilience Academy North	Mental Health	€ 8,000.00	To be reviewed at end of Year 1
HSE	Age & Opportunity - Cultural Companions	Mental Health	€ 10,000.00	To be reviewed at end of Year 1
TOTALS			€ 195,000.00	€ 136,750.00
BUDGET Available			€ 195,000.00	€ 165,000.00

The following projects were not recommended for funding by the Sub-Group:

Project Proposer	Project Title	Requested Funding 2019-2020	Requested Funding 2020-2021
Cork County Council PAWS	Vitality Workshops	€ 10,000.00	€ 10,000.00
Sailing into Wellness	Sailing Program	€ 13,230.00	€ -
Active Connections	Adventure Based Counselling	€ 16,026.00	€ -
Cllr Marcia Dalton	Positive Passage People	€ 4,000.00	€ 4,000.00

Additional Funding: August 2019

The subsequent availability of funding (€62,250) for 2 Actions under the Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) was also presented. This was made available in late Aug 2019. The project presented for approval was a Social Farming Initiative to be delivered by Avondhu Blackwater Partnership.

Additional Community Mental Health Fund 2019-2021 Theme – Mental Health)		
Project Proposer	Project Title	Requested Funding 2019-2021
Avondhu Blackwater Partnership	Cork County Social Farming Initiative	€ 32,500
Additional Community Mental Health Fund 2019-2021 (Theme – Mental Health)		
Project Proposer	Project Title	Requested Funding 2019-2021
Pobal & Cork County Council (€2,000 - €5000)	Small Grant Scheme	€ 30,000

The second action involves a small grant scheme (€2,000-€5000) which will be put out to a public call in the coming months, to be delivered before June 2021.

The Chair welcomed the work being done. The meeting agreed that an open call would be preferable as some new ideas might get the chance to develop into bigger projects but the timeframe was tight and the overall fund was small.

The recommendations were adopted by the LCDC on the proposal of Mr. K. Curran and seconded by Cllr. A. Coleman.

8. Any Other Business

Ms. K. Keegan advised that the Department of Rural & Community Development recently announced the launch of “Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Five-Year Strategy to Support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland 2019-2024”

[Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Five-Year Strategy to Support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland 2019-2024](#)

One of the key actions in the Strategy is the implementation of the recommendations of the Department’s review of the LCDCs.

[Review of LCDCs July 2019](#)

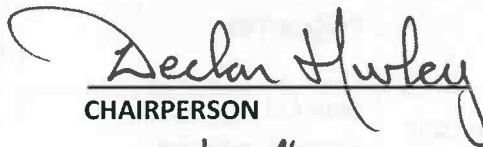
There are specific actions mentioned in the LCDC review, one of which is more networking and information sharing. The first Networking event is scheduled for 9th November, 2019 and all members of the LCDC are encouraged to attend.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 24th October, 2019 at Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty.

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Signed:


CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

24/10/19