



**Minutes of Meeting of  
South Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)  
Thursday 19 July 2016 at 10.00am  
Meeting Room, Floor 14, Cork County Council, County Hall, Cork.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Michael Hegarty (Chair) Cork County Council  
Mr. Declan Daly, Cork County Council  
Cllr. Marcia Dalton, Cork County Council  
Mr. Peter Dineen, PPN  
Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondhu/Blackwater Development Group  
Mr. Jimmy Hosford, IFA  
Ms. Maria Hurley, Department of Social Protection  
Cllr Ger Keohane, Cork County Council  
Mr. Donal O’Liathain, Udaras na Gaeltachta,  
Ms. Mary O’Leary, Environmental Pillar,  
Mr. Sean O’Sullivan, Head of LEO South Cork  
Mr Brian Williams, Youthreach  
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen, Cork County Council

**APOLOGIES:** Mr John Fitzgibbons, Cork ETB  
Mr. Conor Healy, Cork Chamber  
Mr. Michael Delaney, Civic Society  
Mr. Ryan Howard, SECAD  
Mr. Martin O’Brien, PPN

**ABSENT:** Mr. Ian Dempsey, West Cork Development Partnership

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**LCDC Support Team**

Mr. Niall Healy, LCDC Chief Officer, Cork County Council  
Mr. Fergal Gough, Community & Enterprise Development Officer  
Ms. Niamh O’Neill, SSO, Cork County Council  
Mr Andrew Lewis, Cork County Council

**PPU Support Team**

Mr. Pio Condon, PPU, Cork County Council



## **1. Welcome of New Members**

Cllr. Michael Hegarty welcomed all to the meeting. He extended a particular welcome to the new PPN members joining the LCDC: Mr. Peter Dineen and Mr. Martin O'Brien.

## **2. Confirmation of Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

On the proposal of Mr. Sean Hegarty, seconded by Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, the minutes of the South Cork LCDC meeting of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

## **3. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

The Chief Officer informed the committee that members are obliged to declare any conflict of interest in relation to the Agenda Items 5 and 6.

It was noted that SECAD has a conflict of interest re Item 5 but there is no SECAD representative present.

## **4. Local Economic and Community Plan LECP**

Mr. Pio Condon provided an overview on the final draft Local Economic and Community Plan and amendments as circulated.

The contents of the plan were noted by Members. In particular the 30 key identified economic and community assets were noted.

It was also noted that the Southern Regional Assembly each of the eight Cork County Municipal Districts and have now adopted appropriate statements on the plan.

Members raised a number of queries in relation to the plan in relation to; proposed implementation structures; future work programmes; future role of existing Advisory Steering group and Future monitoring of the plan.

Niall Healy confirmed that the implementation of the plan will now form the next body of work for the LECP team. The existing LECP Advisory Steering Group will continue to exist. The Corporate Affairs Directorate of Cork County Council will have a primary oversight role.

Each LECP Asset will be assigned a designated lead Agency and an associated Asset Management Group of key stakeholders. In many instances an existing group e.g. SPC or other County committee structure already exists and this group will take on the implementation of the relevant asset. Where no appropriate existing groups exist then a new group will be formed. These groups will also report on progress to an



LECP Asset management Forum and monitoring of the entire LECP will be carried out using an agreed LECP Cork Asset Index. A further update on the final agreed Implementation structures will be provided at the next LCDC meeting.

It was confirmed that the final draft of the LECP should now be adopted by the Committee for presentation to full council.

In order to protect the private sector majority for the decision making part of this item Cllr Cathal Rasmussen, Mr. Declan Daly, Ms Maria Hurley and Mr. Donal O’Liathain withdrew from the meeting. The time of withdrawal was noted as 10.30 am.

**On the proposal of Cllr. Marcia Dalton, seconded by Cllr. Ger Keohane; the final draft Cork County LECP was approved by Members.**

#### **5. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme SICAP- Mid-Year Review**

Andrew Lewis updated the members. It was noted that the SICAP budget for South Cork has increased from €591,919 (9 months of 2015) to €789,225 (12 months of 2016). South Cork is a single Lot covering the entire South Cork Divisional area and with a single programme Implementer, South and East Cork Area Development Ltd.

The process for the Mid Year Review to be completed by the LCDC SICAP Sub Group consisted of four main elements as follows :

- Headline Indicators Report (2 KPI’s and 13 Other Headline Indicators)
- Budget Report (to ensure costs are within 25% administration & 75% Action Costs)
- Insurance & Tax Clearance Certificates are up to date
- Pobal Parrallel Review (data quality check and explanations are sufficient)

It was noted that the Programme Implementer, SECAD has submitted all returns by 15 July 2016. An initial assessment of the returns by LCDC Support Staff, deemed the performance as satisfactory and in some cases targets had been exceeded. It was the role of the Sub Group to complete this review and meet with the Programme Implementers and report back to the LCDC, however the Sub Group would not be reviewing these reports and data until next week (ie after todays LCDC meeting). As such it was proposed that the LCDC approve in principle the 2016 mid-year review subject to the completion of the review meeting by the SICAP Sub Group. Provided there were no adverse findings found by the Sub Group, then payment of the next contractual instalment would be approved.

In order to protect the private sector majority for the decision making part of this item Cllr Cathal Rasmussen, Mr. Declan Daly, Ms Maria Hurley and Mr. Donal O’Liathain withdrew from the meeting. The time of withdrawal was noted as 10.40 am.

**On the proposal of Mr. Sean Hegarty, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Hosford**



**the SICAP Mid-Year Review was approved in principle by Members subject to any adverse findings by the Sub Group.**

## **6. Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020 – update**

The Chief Officer provided an overview on progress with the South Cork LCDC bid for LEADER 2014-2020 funding.

The South Cork LCDC has been confirmed as the successful bidder by an Independent Selection Committee of DECLG. Final official written confirmation will issue in the coming weeks.

The South Cork LCDC will be the official Local Action Group (LAG) for South Cork. Niall informed the Committee that an invitation to the formal launch of the LEADER programme by Minister Heather Humphreys was received on 4<sup>th</sup> July and the launch was held in Virginia, Co. Cavan on 8<sup>th</sup> July.

South Cork LCDC will implement its local development strategy with the support of 4 implementing partners: South and East Cork Area Development Ltd., Avondu Blackwater Partnership Ltd., IRD Duhallow Ltd. and Udaras na Gaeltachta.

The contracts between the South Cork LAG and the Department will be put in place shortly. These will be followed by a separate Service Level Agreements between the LAG; Cork County Council (as the Financial partner) and each of the 4 implementing partners.

Once these agreements are in place a formal publicity phase will be carried out including the launch of the Expressions of Interest and formal call for projects. It was confirmed that a LEADER Evaluation sub-committee structure will be established to review applications for project funding and this will report directly to the South Cork Local Community Development Committee (Local Action Group).

Finally it was recommended that a formal assigned signatory be appointed to sign documentation on behalf of the LCDC. It was agreed that this would most appropriately be the Chairperson.

In order to protect the private sector majority for the decision making part of this item Cllr Cathal Rasmussen, Mr. Declan Daly, Ms Maria Hurley and Mr. Donal O’Liathain withdrew from the meeting. The time of withdrawal was noted as 10.48 am.

**On the proposal of Cllr Ger Keohane, seconded by Cllr. Marcia Dalton the authority of Cllr Michael Hegarty to sign the Leader contract – and any future Leader documentation - on behalf of the South Cork LCDC was approved by Members.**

## **7. Draft Annual Report 2015**

The contents of the LCDC South draft Annual Report for 2015 was noted by members.

**On the proposal of Mr. Jimmy Hosford, seconded by Ms Maria Hurley the LCDC South Cork Annual Report was adopted.**

## **8. FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group)**

The development of a Fisheries Local Action Group FLAG for County Cork was considered by members. It was noted that coastal areas are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to support coastal fisheries and aquaculture under the terms of the scheme as set out by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). Cork County has approximately 15% of the national coastline and a fund of €1.3m - €1.5 m is therefore potentially available. A single FLAG area would be applied for combining the South and West Cork LCDC's and with the support of BIM and 2 Local Development Companies. If successful, the FLAG would cover the entire Cork Coastline from Youghal to Beara Peninsula.

In order to protect the private sector majority for the decision making part of this item Cllr Cathal Rasmussen, Mr. Declan Daly, Ms Maria Hurley and Mr. Donal O'Liathain withdrew from the meeting. The time of withdrawal was noted as 11.16 am.

**On the proposal of Mr. Sean Hegarty, seconded by Cllr. Marcia Dalton the continued pursuit and involvement of the LCDC in the FLAG process for South Cork was approved by Members.**

## **9. LCDC Logo/Branding**

New LCDC South Logo noted by members.

## **10. Correspondence**

### **WCDP Correspondence - 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

The Chief Officer informed the committee that the most recent legal correspondence from the West Cork Development Partnership to the LCDC included a statement of claim for loss of the LEADER programme in part of the geographic area of South Cork. The total amount of the claim was €108,000. This correspondence will formally responded to by the legal Department of Cork County Council on behalf of the LCDC. It was confirmed that no personal liability extends to individual committee members of the LCDC in relation to the WCDP claim.

### **National Launch of the LECF**

It was noted the Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Mr. Simon Coveney TD, has extended an invitation to LCDC representatives to attend a National Launch event for the Local Economic and Community Plans at the Annual Ploughing Championships in Tullamore on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> of September.

### 11. Any Other Business

The Chair extended congratulations to Niall Healy on his appointment as Director of Service with Cork County Council. Niall thanked the LCDC members for all their support during his time as Chief Officer.

### 12. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting was provisionally scheduled for **10.00 am on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2016** (subject to change).

*Meeting Concluded*

### *Documents Circulated*

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

**Date of meeting:**

19 July 2016

**Signed:**

Michael Henry Arden  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**Dated:**

25 OCTOBER 2016.