



**Minutes of Meeting of  
South Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)  
Thursday 27 September 2016 at 10.00am  
Vertigo Suite, Floor 17, Cork County Council, County Hall, Cork.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Michael Hegarty (Chair) Cork County Council  
Cllr. Marcia Dalton, Cork County Council  
Mr. Michael Delaney, Civic Society  
Mr. Jimmy Hosford, IFA  
Ms. Maria Hurley, Department of Social Protection  
Mr. Martin O'Brien, PPN  
Mr. Donal O'Liathain, Udaras na Gaeltachta,  
Ms. Mary O'Leary, Environmental Pillar,

**APOLOGIES:**

Mr. Declan Daly, Cork County Council  
Mr. Peter Dineen, PPN  
Mr John Fitzgibbons, Cork ETB  
Mr. Conor Healy, Cork Chamber  
Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondhu/Blackwater Development Group  
Cllr Ger Keohane, Cork County Council  
Mr. Ryan Howard, SECAD  
Mr. Sean O'Sullivan, Head of LEO South Cork  
Mr Brian Williams, Youthreach  
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen, Cork County Council

**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

**Municipal District Officers**

Mr. Kevin O'Regan, Ballincollig-Carrigaline MDO  
Mr. Joe McCarthy, East Cork MDO  
Mr. Paraig Lynch, Cobh MDO

**It was noted that a quorum was not in place when the meeting commenced.**

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

The adoption of the minutes of the South Cork LCDC meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were deferred.

### **2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Not relevant.

### **3. Town and Village Scheme 2016**

Mr Kevin O'Regan Municipal District Officer gave a presentation on the Town and Village Scheme, circulated to the LCDC prior to the meeting.

Mr. O'Regan outlined the following points;

- The Town and Village Scheme 2016 was launched by Minister Heather Humphreys on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016
- An allocation of €380,000 will be available in each of the 26 counties for Town and Village renewal projects (€10m. nationally)
- The scheme will be strategically focused on the rural towns and villages that require assistance to stimulate new development and regeneration locally
- The 2016 scheme will have two categories of eligible towns/villages:  
  
Category 1 – Towns/villages with a population of 5,000  
Category 2 - Towns with a population of 5,000-10,000
- Funding will be allocated to Local Authorities to meet up to 85% of the total cost of each project.
- There can be maximum of 8 applications per Local Authority- In Cork County there will be 1 per 8 of the Municipal Districts
- The projects must have a minimum grant of €20,000 and maximum grant of €100,000
- Each of Corks three Local Community Development Committee (LCDC's) are being consulted in relation to the scheme as part of a range of consultative channels that Cork County Council is undertaking
- The projects must be underway by December 2016



- Community Liaison is very important as the timescale is so short
- Local Development Companies were invited to bring forward priority ideas/submissions for consideration by members of CCC under the terms of the scheme by September 13<sup>th</sup>
- A Report on the Town and village renewal Scheme Projects based on the applications received has been prepared. The report has one suggested project for each Municipal District which will form the Council's application under the scheme. The report also includes a second suggestion for each Municipal District

The Chairman commented that the funding was insufficient for a County as large as Cork and that the CEO Cork County Council would be writing to the Department to request extra funding.

Mr. O'Regan thanked the LCDC members for their feedback and said that he would be in contact with particular groups to further develop the scheme.

#### **4. SICAP**

Mr. Andrew Lewis reported that SICAP requires the LCDC to complete a mid-year review of performance. This task was delegated to the SICAP Sub Group which met with the Programme Implementers (PIs) at the end of July.

The LCDC at their meeting in early July had approved in principle, that unless the Sub group identified serious deficiencies in performance it could authorise approval of the final quarter payment to the PI.

The Sub Group reported that performance by the PI was satisfactory and was better than that reported at the Mid Year in 2015.

#### **5. Local Economic & Community Plan – update**

The Chief Officer reported to the LCDC that Minister Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government officially launched the first round of six-year Local Economic and Community Plans, at the National Ploughing Championships, in Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The Chief Officer advised members of the LCDC that the next stage of the process involved the setting up of the implementation structures. It is envisaged that these would be manageable and effective. The work over the next few weeks will include the identification of the most appropriate plan delivery mechanism in conjunction with the LECP Advisory Steering Group.

## **6. Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020 – Update and Contract**

Mr. Healy reported that the LEADER South Cork financial contracts have now been signed.

Service Level Agreements SLA's are in the process of being finalised.

The programme will shortly 'Go Live' with a target date of late October/November and the LAG (Local Action Group) will be meeting next month.

The Local Community Development Unit is currently preparing the Terms of Reference for the LAG.

The Chief Officer provided a high-level overview of the workings of the LAG, including Expressions of Interest (EOI's), Calls for Proposals, Evaluations Procedures, Decision making and other contractual arrangements,

The committee observed that there is an inordinate amount of administration and complex arrangements necessary to draw down such reduced levels of RDP funding.

## **7. Community Development Initiative 2016-2020**

Deferred.

## **8. Correspondence**

None.

## **9. Any Other Business**

None.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting was provisionally scheduled for **10.00 am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2016.**

*Meeting Concluded*

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

**Date of meeting:**

27 SEPTEMBER 2016.

**Signed:**

Michael Hegarty -  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**Dated:**

25 OCTOBER 2016.

