



**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 19th July 2016

The adoption of the minutes of the South Cork LCDC meeting of 19th 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, 9th 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 13th
- 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 20th 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 25th 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.

