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Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil
Chorcaigh Thiar
West Cork Local Community Development
Committee

**Minutes of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Tuesday 27th September 2016 @ 14.30
Cork County Council Offices, Kent St., Clonakilty, Co. Cork.**

PRESENT: Mr. Finbarr Harrington (Chairman)
Ms. Clodagh Henehan, Divisional Manager, Cork County Council
Cllr. Declan Hurley, Cork County Council
Cllr. Rachel McCarthy, Cork County Council
Mr. Kevin Curran, Head of LEO
Ms. Máire Ní Shé, Udarás na Gaeltachta
Mr. Colm Leen, Cork Chamber
Mr. John Kennedy, Youth (Foróige)
Ms. Eileen O' Shea, Civic Society

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Noel O' Donovan, Cork County Council
Cllr. Pat Murphy, Cork County Council
Mr. Cornelius Buckley, IFA
Mr. Ian Dempsey, WCDP
Ms. Maria Hurley, Department of Social Protection
Mr. John Walsh, Comhar na nOileán Teo
Mr. Cathal Wilson, Cork County PPN
Ms. Phoebe Bright, Environment Pillar
Mr. Enda McWeeney, Cork ETB
Mr. Ryan Howard, SECAD

IN ATTENDANCE:

LCDC Support Team
Mr. Niall Healy, LCDC Chief Officer, Cork County Council
Ms Fiona Hayes, Community & Enterprise Development Officer

On the proposal of the Chairperson, Mr. Finbarr Harrington it was agreed to wait for a meeting quorum of members before considering the Minutes of the last meeting. It was decided to begin the meeting with Item 3. Town and Village Scheme 2016.

1. Town and Village Scheme 2016

Mr. Mac Dara O'Hici gave a presentation on the Town and Village Scheme which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr. O'Hici 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
- In the case of West Cork, Mr. O'Hici outlined the two projects 1. Bandon and 2. Dunmanway which have been submitted.

Cllr. R. McCarthy queried if there was an indication of funding for next year.

Mr. C. Leen welcomed the Scheme and suggested that it long term planning and continuity would be a pre-requisite.

Mr. K. Curran commented that the timescale was very short.

Mr. O'Hici thanked the LCDC members for their feedback.

3. Confirmation of Minutes of 27th September 2016 and Matters arising

The adoption of the Minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

4. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Not relevant.

5. 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 three PIs.

The Sub Group reported that performance for Lots 18-5 and 18-6 were satisfactory and was better than that reported at the Mid Year in 2015. There were a few minor issues where targets to the 13 Other Headline Indicators had not been achieved. These were discussed with the relevant PI representative and assurances were given that actions were on track to deliver these targets by the year end. Lot 18-7 failed to achieve the required target of 40% for KPI 1 and was below target for 11 of the 13 Other Headline Indicators. These matters were discussed with the PI representative and assurances were given that activity was planned for the period October –December which would fully achieve the required year end targets.

There were also some data quality issues on the IT system which have been forwarded to each PI to address.

The Sub Group determined that there were no issues arising that would prevent the next payment instalment of the contract, which has now been processed.

6. 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.

7. Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020 – Update and Contract

Mr. Healy informed members that the West Cork LCDC would be the West Cork LAG. The Local Community Development Unit is currently preparing the Terms of Reference for the LAG. The LCDC Leader Sub Group has been meeting and is currently working on operational-delivery arrangements.

The Chief Officer reported that a letter was sent to the Ministers Office regarding funding and stated that communication had now been received from Minister Humphrey's office to say that the Minister was not available to meet with a delegation from the West Cork LCDC due to diary constraints.

Cllr. R. McCarthy stated that it would be important to get a message or press statement to explain the next steps of the process for community groups.

8. Correspondence

As above, correspondence regarding the Meeting request with the Ministers office on LEADER funding received by the Chief Officer.



9. Any Other Business

The Chair advised that there is a National Network of Chairs for the LCDCs which is of great benefit.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 25th October 2016 at 14:30.

Meeting Concluded

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

Date of meeting: _____

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: _____

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