



**Minutes of Meeting of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Thursday 11th February 2016 at 2.30pm
Council Chamber, Kent St., Clonakilty, Co. Cork.**

PRESENT: Mr. Finbarr Harrington (Chairman)
Ms. Clodagh Henehan, Divisional Manager, Cork County Council
Cllr. Declan Hurley, Cork County Council
Mr. Kevin Curran, Head of LEO
Ms. Phoebe Bright, Environment Pillar
Ms. Máire Ní Shé, Udarás na Gaeltachta
Mr. Gavin Falk, Community & Voluntary Forum
Mr. Enda McWeeney, Cork ETB
Mr. Colm Leen, Cork Chamber
Mr. John Kennedy, Youth (Foróige)
Ms. Eileen O' Shea, Civic Society
Mr. Ryan Howard, SECAD
Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin, Comhar na nOileán Teo
Ms. Valerie Murphy, Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Rachel McCarthy, Cork County Council
Cllr. Noel O' Donovan, Cork County Council
Mr. Richard Connell, IFA
Cllr. Pat Murphy, Cork County Council
Mr. Ian Dempsey, WCDP
Ms. Maria Hurley, Department of Social Protection
Mr. John Walsh, Comhar na nOileán Teo

IN ATTENDANCE:

LCDC Support Team

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

Welcome and Introductions

The Chair, Mr. Harrington welcomed all to the meeting.

Item 2: Confirmation of Minutes of meeting held 28th January 2016.

On the proposal of Cllr. Declan Hurley and seconded by Ms. Máire Ní Shé the minutes of the LCDC meeting of meeting held 28th January 2016 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

Item 3: Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

The Chief Officer, N. Healy informed the committee that members are obliged to declare any conflict of interest in relation to the Agenda Item 4: 'Rural Development (LEADER) programme 2014-2020 –Update'. There was no conflict of Interest recorded.

Item 4: Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020 – Presentation of Draft Action Plan

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



The Committee noted that the working group has made great progress in finalising the LCDC led Local Development Strategy (LDS) for West Cork. The draft West Cork LDS was considered and discussed. It was noted that objectives and actions have been framed around each of the major LEADER themes and sub-themes as follows;

RDP Theme 1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation

Sub-Themes

- Rural Tourism
- Enterprise Development
- Rural Towns
- Broadband

RDP Theme 2: Social Inclusion

- Basic Services targeted at Hard to Reach Communities
- Rural Youth

RDP Theme 3: Rural Environment

- Protection and sustainable use of Water Resources
- Protection and Improvement of Local Biodiversity
- Development of Renewable Energy

Ms. Tanya Yeoman, Future Analytics Consultants Ltd. gave a presentation on the Socio Economic Profile-Chapter 2 of the Local Development Strategy and Chapter 3- Participative Planning. Comments from members on same were noted and Ms. Yeoman was thanked for her work to date.

Mr. Allen McAdam, MCA Consulting Ltd. presented on Chapter 4 the Action Plan which has been drafted based on a long series of consultations and meetings of the LDS sub group.

Members of the LCDC made valuable contributions which were noted by the consultants and support staff for inclusion in the Strategy. It was agreed to include the LCDC West Statement on Sustainability.

The Committee noted the broad range of actions proposed under each of the sub-themes as outlined. Additional feed-back and input from the workshops will also be incorporated and used to inform the final strategy.

The Chief Officer informed the committee that the remaining additional work includes a final editing, formatting and typesetting before the LDS can be submitted to the DoECLG in time prior to the EOI Stage 2 deadline of 29th February 2016.

The Chair and Chief Officer thanked each of the sub-group members for their time and commitment in developing the strategy and in particular for the guidance and expertise of the 3 no. implementing partners as follows;

- South and East Cork Area Development Ltd.
- Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd.
- Comhar na nOileán



The two implementing partners in attendance, Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin representing Comhar na nOileán and Ms. Valerie Murphy representing Avondhu Blackwater were excused from the meeting at 16:20 as they were not LCDC members.

On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Curran; seconded by Cllr. Declan Hurley, subject to the Working Group making final changes to the draft as discussed, the West Cork LDS was approved by members.

It was noted a draft copy of the LCDC minutes with the appropriate extract of the minutes confirming approval of the LDS is required to issue with the final submission signed by the Chair of the LCDC and one other LCDC member as a co-signatory.

Mr. Finbarr Harrington, Chair confirmed willingness to sign off on the minute extract and final LDS strategy.

On the proposal of Mr. John Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Kevin Curran it was confirmed that Ms. Clodagh Henahan West Cork Divisional Manager, Cork County Council will be the co-signatory with the LCDC West Chair on behalf of the LCDC.

Item 5: A.O.B.

The Chief Officer outlined Operational Issues for the LAG including boundaries and finance.

The Chair thanked Mr. Gavin Falk for his time on the LCDC as PPN representative.

Item 6: Correspondence

None.

Item 7: Any other business

None

Item 8: Next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the LCDC would be scheduled for March/April 2016 and the date of same would be confirmed in due course.

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) on	
(Date of meeting)	_____
Signed:	_____
	Chairperson
Dated:	_____