



**Minutes of
North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Monday 16th May 2016 at 14.30.
The Board Room, Cork County Council, Annabella, Mallow, Cork.**

PRESENT: Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cork County Council (Chairperson)
Mr. James Fogarty, Cork County Council
Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Cork County Council
Mr. Padraig Casey, Ballyhoura Development Group
Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondhu Blackwater Dev. Partnership
Mr. Declan O'Leary, Foróige
Ms. Brid Coakley, Cork County PPN
Mr. Sean Kelly, Cork County PPN
Mr. Kevin Curran, North Cork LEO
Ms. Marie O'Flynn, Dept of Social Protection
Mr. Michael Doyle, Environment Pillar
Ms. Margaret Fenton, Respond! Housing
Ms. Geraldine Canning, Cork Education & Training Board

APOLOGIES: Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Cork County Council
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Cork County Council
Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow
Mr. Julian O'Keefe, IFA (ICMSA)

IN ATTENDANCE: **LCDC Support Team**
Mr. Niall Healy, LCDC Chief Officer, Cork County Council
Ms. Fiona Hayes, Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis, Cork County Council

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 18th April 2016 and Matters arising

On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Curran, seconded by Mr. Declan O'Leary the minutes of the North Cork LCDC meeting of 18th April 2016 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest to declare as this was not applicable to any items on the agenda.

3. Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)-update

Mr. Healy reported that the LECP has been considered by the Advisory Group, the 3 Chairpersons of the Cork County LCDCs and the Cork Economic Strategic Policy Committee. It was reported that Friday 13th was the last day for submissions from the public consultation process. A draft plan was available on the website www.corkcountylecp.com

Further submission may be brought from the Advisory Steering Group. The LECP must now go through an approval process through the following committees;

- LCDCs
- Economic and Tourism Strategic Policy Committee
- Cork County Council (Elected Members)
- Southern Regional Authority



It is expected that the plan will be fully approved by the end of the summer.

4. Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020 – update

Mr. Healy reported that there was no formal notification regarding the Local Development Strategy for North Cork. It is hoped that we would receive this in the coming week. Notwithstanding this it was agreed that the sub group could make a start on preparatory work. This sub group had met prior to the LCDC meeting to consider the following items;

- Service Level Agreement (SLA)
- Procedures Manual
- Operational Rules
- I.T. System
- Expression of Interest Form for Project Promoters
- Launch

Ms. Hayes reported that the sub group had considered the above items and had proposals to undertake work on each. It was agreed that the Heads of Agreement prepared initially by the North LDS sub group would be used as a base document for the preparation of the Service Level Agreement. It was also agreed that SLA's from other counties would be sought as working examples.

Mr. Casey from Ballyhoura Development Ltd. gave a summary of their experience with the IT system as their company had been selected to help test sections of the system.

It was discussed that there would be one National Procedures Manual but that the North Cork LDS group would propose that certain issues pertaining to their Local Action Group and Area would also be allowed in the Manual with local discretion.

The Operating Rules it was reported are set at an EU level and the North LDS has had input to these through representation from Avondhu Blackwater Ltd. on the National Steering Committee.

On discussion of a Launch if the North LDS is approved the LCDC spoke of the possible timeline, the management of expectations of community groups in relation to the reduction in funding. The LCDC agreed that any announcements would be held until September 2016 and that information would not be discussed prior to this.

Local Development Companies present stressed the importance of the IT system being in place before contracts are implemented.

The National Logo was mentioned and the launch of same of the LCDCs.

It was agreed that the LDS sub group would meet again in the coming weeks to further progress work on these preparatory issues.

5. Correspondence- None

6. Any Other Business

Mr. Niall Healy reported that the PPN Plenary meetings for North Cork will commence with the first one to be held in Mallow on Wednesday 18th May p.m. and up to 200 Community and Voluntary groups can attend. This will be followed by two Municipal District PPN meetings to be held in the Fermoy and the Kanturk/Mallow areas. The issues of LECP and LEADER will be discussed at these.



7. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting was provisionally scheduled for **20th June 2016 at 14:30.**

Meeting Concluded

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

Date of meeting: _____

Signed: _____
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: _____

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