



**Minutes of
North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Monday 18th April 2016 at 14.30.
The Board Room, Cork County Council, Anabella, Mallow, Cork.**

PRESENT:

Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cork County Council (Chairperson)
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Cork County Council (Vice Chair)
Mr. James Fogarty, Cork County Council
Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Cork County Council
Mr. Pádraig Casey, Ballyhoura Development Group
Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondu Blackwater Development Partnership
Mr. Declan O'Leary, Foróige
Ms. Brid Coakley, Cork County Public Participation Network (PPN)
Mr. Sean Kelly, Cork County Public Participation Network (PPN)
Mr. Michael Doyle, Environment Pillar
Mr. Julian O'Keeffe, IFA
Ms. Margaret Fenton, Respond! Housing
Ms. Geraldine Canning, Cork Education & Training Board

APOLOGIES:

Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Cork County Council
Ms. Marie O'Flynn, Dept of Social Protection
Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow
Mr. Kevin Curran, North Cork LEO

IN ATTENDANCE:

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

1. Welcome new Member

The Chair, Mr. Gerard Murphy welcomed the new LCDC member Mr. Pádraig Casey, CEO of Ballyhoura Development Group Ltd. to the committee. The Chair and all members of the LCDC wished the very best to Ms. Carmel Fox, former CEO and LCDC member.

Confirmation of Minutes of 1st February 2016 and Matters arising

On the proposal of Mr. James Fogarty, seconded by Mr. Sean Kelly the minutes of the North Cork LCDC meeting of 1st February 2016 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest to declare.

3. SICAP Update

Mr. Niall Healy, Chief Officer, reported on the Social Inclusion and Community Activation programme with updates as follows;

- The approved annual programme for 2016 has commenced
- The Pro rata allocation for 2015 has been increased in 2016 to cover 12 month period
- The three Local Development Companies in North Cork are performing very well in the delivery of the programme
- The funding and evaluation process will remain the same in 2016



- There were challenges with some of the programme KPIs (Key performance Indicators) notably the one for 'Back to work-Start your own business'
- LCDC members stated that it would be very important that the Department of Social Protection and the SICAP programme Implementers would communicate and work together at a local level on issues like the Back to work-start your own business, planning of programme, data protection and flow of people between programmes
- There was a discussion on the TÚS and the Community Employment Schemes

4. Local Economic & Community Plan-update

Mr. Healy reported that at the last meeting of the LCDC on the 1st February the LECP was being drafted and at this stage is now complete. The Plan has been considered by the Advisory Group, the 3 Chairpersons of the Cork County LCDCs and the Cork Economic Strategic Policy Committee. A consultation draft of the Plan has been prepared and the second round of consultations will take commence at the end of this week.

The public consultation process will last 3 weeks so that all stakeholders are aware of the plan and have the opportunity to input. The Plan identifies 30 asset areas and the oversight and implementation will fall to an Asset Management Group. This includes representatives from community, economic, local authority and external.

Implementation structures are to be put in place and the Department are preparing guidelines on this process which are expected for June/July 2016.

A draft of the LECP is available on the website www.corkcountylecp.com

Members queried examples of the assets within the LECP. There were also queries on the amount and type of change between drafts of the Plan and the stakeholders identified. There was a discussion on the importance of the assets and the plan being a counter balance to Dublin and the East Coast. Members stated that momentum would be the biggest challenge and buy in from stakeholders and ensuring their commitment. Finally the link between Cork City and County was mentioned as being very important.

5. Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020 – update

Mr. Healy reported that the North Cork LAG submitted its Local Development Strategy in early October 2015 to the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government for the management, oversight and delivery of LEADER in North Cork for the period 2015-2020.

The Local Development Strategy was considered by DECLG's Independent Evaluation Committee in February. A number of additional queries were notified to the LCDC on 10th March. A response was given to these queries in the last week.

Members representing the PNN on the LCDC expressed great concern at the delays with this and the communication of dates to community groups was changing as the process goes on. The representatives asked if there was any correspondence to query the delays and Mr. Healy stated that a letter will issue in coming days from the Northern Divisional Committee to the Office of the Minister, Department for Environment, Community & Local Government.



Mr. Healy advised the LCDC that the Operating Rules and the I.T. Monitoring System for the programme are being finalised nationally.

6. Correspondence- None

7. Any Other Business

- Mr. Healy reported that a standard national logo for the LCDC will issue and can be adapted for each individual LCDC for branding and awareness raising
- The operating Guidelines for LCDCs are being reviewed by the Department for Environment, Community & Local Government and will issue shortly
- There will be one final briefing session for LCDC members coming up
- The plenary meetings of the PPN will be held in May for Mallow, Fermoy and Kanturk and will include presentations in relation to LCDC and LEADER
- The Cork Age Friendly strategy was launched on 11th April which is a five year framework plan which sets out to make Cork a great place in which to live and grow old. The Chair complimented this as a great example of interagency work.

8. Date of Next Meeting

Date of next meeting was provisionally scheduled for **16th May 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: _____