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North Cork Local Community Development
Committee

**Minutes of
North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Monday 19th September 2016 @ 14.30
The Board Room, Cork County Council, Annabella, Mallow, Cork.**

PRESENT:	Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cork County Council (Chairperson) Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Cork County Council Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Cork County Council Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Cork County Council Mr. James Fogarty, Cork County Council Mr. Kevin Curran, North Cork LEO Mr. Padraig Casey, Ballyhoura Development Group Ms. Brid Coakley, Cork County PPN Ms. Marie O'Flynn, Dept of Social Protection Mr. Julian O'Keefe, IFA (ICMSA) Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow Ms. Margaret Fenton, Respond! Housing Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondhu Blackwater Dev. Partnership
APOLOGIES:	Mr. Declan O'Leary, Foróige Mr. Michael Doyle, Environment Pillar Mr. Sean Kelly, Cork County PPN Ms. Geraldine Canning, Cork Education & Training Board
IN ATTENDANCE:	Mr. Niall Healy, LCDC Chief Officer, Cork County Council Ms. Fiona Hayes, LCDC Support Officer, Cork County Council Mr. Andrew Lewis, Cork County Council

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 6th July 2016 and Matters arising

On the proposal of Mr. Kevin Curran, seconded by Ms. Maura Walsh, the minutes of the North Cork LCDC meeting of 18th July 2016 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

Not relevant.

3. Town and Village Scheme 2016

Ms. Liz O'Donovan, Municipal District Officer gave a presentation on the Town and Village Scheme, circulated to the LCDC prior to the meeting.

Ms. O'Donovan 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.

Maura Walsh queried if there was an indication of funding for next year.

Mr. James Fogarty complimented Ms. O'Donovan for organising the shortlist of projects with such a short timeline.

Cllr. John Paul O'Shea expressed disappointment that small community projects would loose out. Cllr. Bernard Moynihan added that this time of the year is difficult to get projects underway and asked if there was opportunity to top up the funding.

Ms. O'Donovan thanked the LCDC members for their feedback and said that she 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 three PIs.

The Sub Group reported that performance by all PIs was satisfactory and was better than that reported at the Mid Year in 2015. There were a few minor issues where targets for 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. The one exception to this related to the Self Employment indicators, which has been recognised as a national issue given the changing nature of the employment market in Ireland since the start of the SICAP programme.

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

Both Marie O'Flynn and Margaret Fenton from the SICAP Sub Group complimented the Programme Implementers on their performance and also on the constructive dialogue during the review meetings. 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.

Padraig Casey queried the timeframe for next years plan. The timetable for AP 2017 will commence in October 2016 and be completed by early December 2016

Maura Walsh queried the tender process and cost of same and options for future process. There is no further news on the programme that will replace SICAP post 2017.

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 will officially launch the first round of six-year Local Economic and Community Plans, at the National Ploughing Championships, in Scraggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly tomorrow 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 and it is proposed to have in effect 30 Asset Groups. The work over the next few weeks will include the identification of the needs and priorities.

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

Mr. Healy reported that the LEADER North Cork financial contracts have now been signed. The programme has now in effect 'Gone Live' 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 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 North Cork LCDC due to diary constraints.

Ms. Fiona Hayes gave a brief report on the LEADER North Sub Group meeting held prior to the LCDC meeting including the following points;



- Community Development Initiative 25% Fund Policy Draft almost completed
- Agreement on Expression of Interest Template-National Version to be used in North Cork
- Service Level Agreement almost finalised
- Queries on the LEADER I.T. system to be addressed
- Queries on FEOGA and Financial Year End to be addressed
- An approximate timeline for administration of funds to reach community groups was discussed

7. Correspondence

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

8. Any Other Business

None.

9. Date of next meeting

Monday 17th October 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: _____