

# Minutes of West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018 @ 15.30 O'Donovans Hotel, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

Date: 26<sup>th</sup>April 2018

Present:

Time: 15:30.

Name	Organisation	Public (7)/Private(7)
Mr. Finbarr Harrington-Chair	Cork PPN	Private
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henehan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Cllr. Rachel McCarthy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Kennedy	Foroige	Private
Mr. Thomas Collins	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileánTeo	Private
Ms. Aaran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private

**Apologies:** 

Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private

In Attendance/Apologies- Support Staff:

Ms. Sharon Corcoran	Cork County Council
Ms. Kay Keegan	Cork County Council
Mr. Fergal Gough	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Cork County Council

Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11)

In attendance= 14 (7 private: 7 Public)

Apologies= 5

Total membership= 19



#### Welcome & Introduction

The chair welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that a quorum was in place.

# 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were proposed by Mr. John Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Kevin Curran and were formally adopted by the meeting.

## Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 2. Social Inclusion and Community Activation SICAP Report

Mr. Andrew Lewis reported that the SICAP programme is continuing to be rolled out in the West Cork Lots as follows:

- West Cork 18-5 West Cork Development Partnership Ltd
- West Cork 18-6 Bandon & Kinsale West Cork Development Partnership.Ltd
- West Cork 18-7 West Cork Islands Comhar na nOileán Teo.

The following points were noted:

- The Implementing Partners have confirmed satisfactory progress to date.
- IP Annual Plans have been transferred on to the IRIS system.
- IP's have been uploading beneficiary data to the system ready for mid-year review.
- It is expected that the formal process for the SICAP mid-year review will commence 31 May to be reported early July 2018.

## 3. Presentation by Tusla, Ms. Karen O'Mahony

Ms. Karen O'Mahony Cork CYPSC Coordinator provided a comprehensive overview on the Cork Children and Young Persons Services Committee. *Presentation as Circulated.* 

The central purpose of CYPSC is to ensure effective Inter-agency coordination and Collaboration to achieve the Best Outcomes for Children & Young People achieved through:

- Identification of Needs of Children and Young People
- Planning and coordination of services
- Effective collaboration and interagency working
- Promoting quality, evidence-informed planning and practice
- Optimising the use of resources
- Promoting best participation practice



The Development and Implementation of a 3 Year C&YP Plan (CYPP) was highlighted as an essential outcome to the CYPSC work and it was confirmed that the publication of this plan is nearing conclusion.

The Chair thanked Ms. O'Mahony for her presentation and particularly welcomed the interagency and collaborative nature of the Tusla led approach to assisting the children and young people of County Cork.

#### 4. Presentation by HSE-Healthy Ireland, Ms. Priscilla Lynch.

Ms. Priscilla Lynch, Head of Service, Health & Well-being, Cork HSE provided a detailed presentation to the LCDC on the Healthy Ireland initiative and the role of the HSE in same.

The aim of the Healthy Ireland fund is to support innovative, cross-sectoral evidence-based projects, programmes and initiatives that implement key national policies including: the National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland, a Healthy Weight for Ireland Obesity Policy and Action plan, National Sexual Health Strategy and Tobacco Free Ireland.

Ms Lynch outlined the four high level goals as follows:

- Goal 1: Increase the proportion of people who are healthy at all stages of life
- Goal 2: Reduce health inequalities
- Goal 3: Protect the public from threats to health and well-being
- Goal 4: Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in achieving a healthy Ireland.

The Healthy Ireland fund is enabling each LCDC to draw these objectives out of their Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) and align them with the Healthy Ireland Policy and action plans reference into a three year (2017-2019) LCDC specific action plan. Collaboration between LCDC's and CYPSCs, and integration of these plans is encouraged to foster relationships and maximise opportunities at the local level.

LCDC Members noted the following points:

- Cork City has had a dedicated Healthy Ireland Coordinator for a number of years,
   Ms. Denise Cahill, and a similar staff resource needs to be prioritised for the County.
- The LCDC should be presented with examples of national best-practice Healthy Ireland actions as there is an opportunity to build on the learning's of what is working well in other counties.
- The Healthy Ireland fund is a welcome initiative and the LCDC is happy to assist in any innovative actions that contribute to the health and well being of society.

The Chair thanked Ms. Lynch for her presentation and particularly welcomed the roll out of the Healthy Ireland Fund.

He looked forward to future close collaboration between the HSE and the LCDCs.



### 5. Healthy Ireland Fund: Update and Approval of sub-group members.

Ms. Keegan advised the LCDC that sanction has been provided by the Department to extend the period to end of June 2018 to spend the Phase I Healthy Ireland funding of €200,000

It was advised that in relation to Action 5, currently being undertaken by Cork County Council, arrangements are now being finalized for the conference which will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Over 500 transition year students from around the County and City have registered to attend the event to be held in the Radisson Blu Little Island.

The Chief Officer confirmed that notification had been received for the second round of Healthy Ireland fund, unfortunately the funding has been reduced to €75k per LCDC compared to €100k per LCDC in the first round. In addition, she also confirmed that the closing date for this round of funding is 11<sup>th</sup> May which is very tight however, the Department of Community & Rural Affairs have been requested to liaise with the Dept. of Health with a view to obtaining an extension of this closing date to 30<sup>th</sup> June. It was confirmed that a strand II information event on the Healthy Ireland initiative is due to be held by Pobal on 1st May.

Members expressed concern about the proposed budget reduction and also about the very short deadlines imposed on the LCDC in which to make an application.

Sharon Corcoran, DoS confirmed that it is intended to utilise existing budget to seek sanction to engage a full-time Healthy Ireland coordinator to oversee future roll-out of the Healthy Ireland fund.

On the proposal of, seconded by Cllr. John O'Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Kevin Curran the following LCDC members were approved for membership of the LCDC Healthy Ireland subgroup.

- Mr. Finbarr Harrington, PPN
- Mr. John Walsh, Comhar na nOileánTeo
- Ms. Eileen OShea, Civic Society

## 6. LCDC West Cork Annual Report 2017

The LCDC Annual Report 2017 had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Members noted content of same.

Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy proposed that some of the challenges associated with LEADER process by included in the LCDC Annual Report, Chief Officer confirmed that some examples would be added to the report.

On the proposal of John Kennedy, seconded by Cllr. John O'Sullivan, the LCDC Annual Report 2017 was approved by members.

6. A.O.B

None.



# 7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

# **Meeting Concluded**