

**Minutes of
 South Cork Local Community Development Committee(LCDC)
 Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork**

Date: 19th September, 2019

Time: 10.15am.

LCDC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Name	Organisation	Public / Private
Cllr. Michael Hegarty	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Seamus McGrath	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Marcia Dalton	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Mary O'Leary	Environmental Pillar	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondhu/Blackwater Development Group CLG	Private
Mr. Martin O'Brien	PPN	Private
Mr. Thomas McHugh	Cork Chamber	Private
Mr. John Lyne	DSP	Public
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Jimmy Hosford	Agricultural Pillar	Private
Mr. Sean O'Sullivan	Head of LEO South Cork	Public
Mr. John Fitzgibbons	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. Donal O'Liathain	Udaras na Gaeltachta,	Public

LCDC MEMBERS APOLOGIES:

Name	Organisation	Private / Public
Mr. Peter Dineen	PPN	Private
Mr. Brian Williams	Youth Work Ireland	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	WCDP	Private
Divisional Manager (Vacant)	Cork County Council	Public
Vacant	Civic Society	Private

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Kay Keegan	LCDC Chief Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer	Cork County Council
Ms. Valerie Hayes	Administrative Officer	Cork County Council
Ms. Máire Ni Thuama	Staff Officer	Cork County Council
Apologies:		
Ms. Sharon Corcoran	Director of Services	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up + 1 = 11) In attendance = 14 (6 Private: 8 Public) Apologies = 5 Total membership = 19</p>
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Welcome and Introduction.

1. Election of

a. Chair of LCDC

The Chief Officer welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced with the election of the Chair and the Vice-Chair.

Ms. K. Keegan, Chief Officer, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the LCDC. Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen was proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath. As there were no other nominations for Chair of the LCDC, Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen was deemed elected as Chair of the South Cork LCDC.

b. Vice Chair of LCDC

The Chair called for nominations for position of Vice-Chair of the South Cork LCDC. Cllr. Michael Hegarty was proposed by Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen and seconded by Mr. Sean Hegarty. As there were no other nominations for Vice-Chair of the LCDC, Cllr. Michael Hegarty was deemed elected as Vice Chair of the South Cork LCDC.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 9th May, 2019

The minutes of the South Cork LCDC meeting of 9th May, 2019 were proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty and seconded by Mr. Sean Hegarty and formally adopted by the meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Right to Read Action Plan

A presentation was made by Dolores Casey, Exec Librarian, Cork County Library on the recently announced Action Plan. The members thanked Dolores for the presentation and recommended that a similar presentation be given to all Cllr's through a Council meeting.

4. SICAP

Andrew Lewis confirmed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Group had met with SECAD (Programme Implementer) to discuss the Mid Year performance for Lot 18-4. The performance exceeded the KPI targets set for the Mid Year and it was anticipated that this progress would continue to the Year End. The financial performance and budget monitoring also confirmed that there were no significant under/overspends anticipated at Year End. On that basis the Sub Group recommended that the LCDC approved the Mid Year position.

The adoption of the Mid Year Review was proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty and seconded by Mr. Donal O'Liathain.

During the discussions at the Sub Group meeting it was clear that mental health was becoming an increasing issue both for staff of the Programme Implementer when faced with some of the difficulties suffered by Beneficiaries when presented and it is clear that many Beneficiaries are experiencing significant mental health issues of their own, and looking for support that the Programme Implementer is not necessarily equipped to deal with. Programme Implementers have had to develop support programmes for their own staff to deal with this trauma, but referral of beneficiaries with mental health concerns is the only solution currently. It was agreed that these concerns would be forwarded to DRCD/Pobal as part of the Mid Year feedback.

Ms. K. Keegan confirmed that following consultation by the Dept with the Attorney General's office, the SICAP programme will remain as is with the South Cork LCDC until the end of the current contract which is 2022 even though certain areas are being affected by the boundary extension and have moved to the Cork City Council administrative area. Chief Officer confirmed that a Section 20 Agreement of the Local Government Act 2019, with Cork City LCDC had been signed. The main items of the agreement being that South Cork LCDC will remain responsible for monitoring SECAD's compliance through financial management and performance monitoring and continue to have responsibility for the bi-annual performance reviews and the annual planning process for Lot 18-4 via the South Cork LCDC Sub Group. SECAD will continue to deliver the SICAP programme in both the transition areas and current county areas. Under the agreement SECAD will set aside up to half a day, twice per year for a staff member to meet and outline key elements of work undertaken in the transition area to a joint City/County Liaison group. The Liaison group will consist of Chairs of both South Cork LCDC and Cork City LCDC, Member of both South Cork LCDC Sub Group and Cork City LCDC sub group plus Chief Officer of both LCDCs.

5. Community Enhancement Programme 2019

Ms. K. Keegan advised that the under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 €160,762 was allocated to Cork County and 30% (€48,228) was to be specifically for projects of €1,000 or less. There were 127 applications received county wide to the value of €769,867.

	Received	Successful	Unsuccessful	<€1000	>€1000
Carrigaline M.D.	4	2	2	€1,000 (1)	€10,000 (1)
East Cork MD	8	6	2	€3,869 (4)	€11,200 (2)
Macroom MD	14	11	3	€5,897 (6)	€16,150 (5)
Cobh M.D.	12	7	5	€2,000(2)	€14,804 (5)

The intention was to hold the recommendation meeting in September (following the appointment of Chairs to the LCDC) with recommendations brought to the LCDC meetings in October due to the later closing date for Cork compared to the rest of the country. However the Department wished to announce the national allocations together so there was no time

to hold a full evaluation meeting as a Sub-Group of the LCDC. Chief Officer informed the meeting that the MD officers were consulted. Reasons for unsuccessful projects included:

- Projects that were too large for the timeframe and the amount of the fund
- Quotations not included with the applications
- Lack of clarity regarding the aim of the project

A table of recommendations was presented to the LCDC and the recommendations were adopted by the LCDC on the proposal of Cllr. Seamus McGrath seconded by Mr. Jimmy Hosford.

It was confirmed that there are attempts being made by Directors forums at national level to convince the DRCD to streamline the grants process for community groups as there are many separate grants with differing deadlines and amounts available.

6. Mens Shed/Womens Shed Grants 2019

Ms. K. Keegan advised that under the Community enhancement Programme 2019 Men's Shed & Women's Shed Grant, €28,796 was allocated to Cork County for capital projects. The grants were to be made available to those Men's Sheds registered with the National Association of Men's Sheds and Women's Sheds that followed the same ethos, who submitted applications. Recommendations for South Cork LCDC were as follows:

ShedsCEP/2019/Carrigaline Men's Shed	€1,600
ShedsCEP/2019/Carrigtwohill Men's Shed	€1,600
ShedsCEP/2019/Cobh Men's Shed	€1,600
ShedsCEP/2019/Glounthaune Men's Shed	€1,600
ShedsCEP/2019/Kinsale Men's Shed	€1,600
Sheds/CEP/2019/Midleton Men's Shed	€1,600
Sheds/CEP/2019/Owenabue Men's Shed	€1,600
Sheds/CEP/2019/Passage West Men's Shed	€1,600
Sheds/CEP/2019/Youghal Men's Shed	€1,600
ShedsCEP/2019/Ballinora Men's Shed	€1,600

ShedsCEP/2019/Macrooom Men's Shed	€1,600
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The recommendations were adopted by the LCDC on the proposal of Cllr. Marcia Dalton and seconded by Mr. Sean Hegarty.

7. Healthy Ireland Round 3 Fund

Mr. N. O'Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Coordinator for Cork County Council presented the recommendation from the LCDC Sub-Group regarding the allocation of Round 3 Healthy Ireland Fund. Round 3 funding was announced in June 2019 and the funding is over a 2 year period with a total of €195,000 available in Year 1 and €165,000 available in year 2. These are reductions on previous rounds of funding.

The recommendations of the LCDC Healthy Ireland Sub Group, who met on 22nd Aug, were presented as follows:

Project Proposer	Project Title	Theme	Year 1 Recommended for Pobal Proposal	Year 2 Recommended for Pobal Proposal
Cork County Council	Healthy Ireland Coordinator	N/A	€ 37,500.00	€ 37,500.00
Cork County Council	Teen Talk & Gen Z	Mental Health	€ 84,000.00	€ 76,500.00
Cork Environmental Forum	Transport Mobility Forum Coordinator	Spaces & Places for Health & Wellbeing	€ 15,000.00	€ 15,000.00
PSYCHED Workplaces	Operational costs	Mental Health	€ 3,750.00	€ 3,750.00
Cork Local Sports Partnership	Schools Engagement Prog & Active Communities Cork	Physical Activity	€ 32,750.00	To be reviewed at end of Year 1
Cloyne Diocesan Youth Services	Smoking Cessation & Awareness Program for Youths	Tobacco & Alcohol	€ 4,000.00	€ 4,000.00
Pieta House	Resilience Academy North	Mental Health	€ 8,000.00	To be reviewed at end of Year 1
HSE	Age & Opportunity - Cultural	Mental Health	€ 10,000.00	To be reviewed at end of Year 1

	Companions		
TOTALS		€ 195,000.00	€ 136,750.00
BUDGET Available		€ 195,000.00	€ 165,000.00

The following projects were not recommended for funding by the Sub-Group:

Project Proposer	Project Title	Requested Funding 2019-2020	Requested Funding 2020-2021
Cork County Council PAWS	Vitality Workshops	€ 10,000.00	€ 10,000.00
Sailing into Wellness	Sailing Program	€ 13,230.00	€ -
Active Connections	Adventure Based Counselling	€ 16,026.00	€ -
Cllr Marcia Dalton	Positive Passage People	€ 4,000.00	€ 4,000.00

Additional Funding: August 2019

The subsequent availability of funding (€62,250) for 2 Actions under the Community Mental Health Fund (CMHF) was also presented. This was made available in late Aug 2019. The project presented for approval was a Social Farming Initiative to be delivered by Avondhu Blackwater Partnership.

Additional Community Mental Health Fund 2019-2021 Theme – Mental Health)		
Project Proposer	Project Title	Requested Funding 2019-2021
Avondhu Blackwater Partnership	Cork County Social Farming Initiative	€ 32,500
Additional Community Mental Health Fund 2019-2021 (Theme – Mental Health)		
Project Proposer	Project Title	Requested Funding 2019-2021

Pobal & Cork County Council (€2,000 - €5000)	Small Grant Scheme	€ 30,000
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The second action involves a small grant scheme (€2,000-€5000) which will be put out to a public call in the coming months, to be delivered before June 2021.

The Chair welcomed the work being done. The meeting agreed that an open call would be preferable as some new ideas might get the chance to develop into bigger projects but the timeframe was tight and the overall fund was small.

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that partners involved in Round 2 H.I. actions would be brought to some of the forthcoming LCDC meetings, beginning in October, 2019.

The recommendations were adopted by the LCDC on the proposal of Cllr. Michael Hegarty and seconded by Mr. Ryan Howard.

H.I. Sub Group: As Cllr. Marcia Dalton and Cllr. Michael Hegarty were members of the H.I. Sub Group prior to the local elections, it was proposed that they be re-nominated to remain on this committee. The nominations were adopted by the LCDC on the proposal of Mr. Thomas McHugh and seconded by Cllr. Marcia Dalton.

8. Any Other Business

Ms. K. Keegan advised that the Department of Rural & Community Development recently announced the launch of “Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Five-Year Strategy to Support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland 2019-2024”

[Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities: A Five-Year Strategy to Support the Community and Voluntary Sector in Ireland 2019-2024](#)

One of the key actions in the Strategy is the implementation of the recommendations of the Department’s review of the LCDCs.

[Review of LCDCs July 2019](#)

There are specific actions mentioned in the LCDC review, one of which is more networking and information sharing. The first Networking event is scheduled for 9th November, 2019 and all members of the LCDC are encouraged to attend.


9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 24th October, 2019.

Meeting Concluded

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

Signed:



CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

24/10/2019.