

**Minutes of  
 North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)  
 Monday 03<sup>rd</sup> February @2.00p.m.  
 Boardroom, Annabella, Mallow, Co. Cork.**

**Present:**

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Pat Hayes	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gearóid Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	LEO North Cork	Public
Ms. Geraldine Canning	Cork Education & Training Board	Public
Ms. Maura Walsh	I.R.D. Duhallow CLG.	Private
Mr. Pdraig Casey	Ballyhoura Development CLG.	Private
Ms. Brid Coakley	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Sean Kelly	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Michael Doyle	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondhu Blackwater CLG	Private

**Apologies:**

Mr. Julian O'Keefe	IFA (ICMSA)	Private
Mr. James Fogarty	Divisional Manager North Cork	Public
Ms. Marie O'Flynn	Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Public
Mr. Declan O'Leary	Foróige	Private
Vacant	Respond! Housing	Private

**CCC Staff in Attendance :**

Ms. Kay Keegan	LCDC Chief Officer
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer
Ms. Sharon Corcoran	Director of Services
Ms. Jamie Cuthbert	Staff Officer
Mr. Jesse Dorrington	Staff Officer

<p><b>Quorum=10 (50% of 17 rounded up + 1 = 10)</b>  <b>In attendance= 12 (6 Public : 6 Private)</b>  <b>Apologies= 5</b>  <b>Total membership= 17</b></p>
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## **Welcome and Introduction**

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019.**

The Minutes of the LCDC Meeting dated 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Pat Hayes, seconded by Mr. Sean Kelly.

#### **Matters arising.**

The Chairperson of the LCDC Cllr. Bernard Moynihan had to leave the meeting, and therefore the meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairperson Cllr. Gerard Murphy.

### **2. SICAP Case Study by IRD Duhallow – Presented by Ms. Triona Dennehy.**

Ms. Triona Dennehy, a representative of IRD Duhallow, presented a case study on the work carried out under the SICAP programme by IRD Duhallow, and the impact that work has had on the local area. The presentation highlighted the ‘bottom up’ approach taken by the IRD Duhallow Development Company in implementing SICAP initiatives. The case study collated information gathered from three consultative meetings with target groups in the area over Spring/Summer Mar-May 2019. This included three meetings, three nights per week, and was attended by four staff members who facilitated workshops and a board member who chaired the meetings. The presentation highlighted the engagement with the local community groups, the strategies for targeting disadvantaged groups, the tools and approach of the Development Company in gathering relevant feedback and the results of this study. The conclusion noted the following:

- The meetings were effective in building a rapport with the community.
- The meetings allowed staff to relate to the Local Community Group’s more through community support plans.
- The consultations unearthed the opinions and feelings of those that are socially excluded and provided an opportunity to be heard.
- The person-centred approach gave an insight into what worked well and what didn’t, along with funding shortfalls.
- The tools used in this case study were non-technical which facilitated the analysis of data as it was accessible to all.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy thanked Ms. Dennehy and IRD Duhallow for the work carried out and for presenting the case study. Cllr. Murphy commented that he had attended some of the meetings in question and found them to be very productive,

and a great method for engaging with the local community. Cllr. Murphy noted the conclusions of the case study were very interesting, and not necessarily expected.

Cllr. Pat Hayes concurred and thanked Ms. Dennehy for a substantial report. Cllr. Hayes commented that it was an eye-opening presentation and that it was very interesting to see that it was not just rural isolation that was highlighted, but also isolation in housing estates and other built up areas, which was surprising.

Mr. Sean Kelly commented that he had attended a number of meetings also and that there was a lot of information gathered that otherwise would not be known as the community meetings provided a forum for engagement. Mr. Kelly also noted the opportunity for different solutions which arose from this engagement.

Mr. Kevin Curran noted that the impact of education or the lack there of in the community would be an interesting area to delve into in order to determine the relationship between the lack of education and underemployment in the area. Mr. Curran asked Ms. Geraldine Canning of the ETB if there was work her organisation could contribute following the findings of the report.

Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow, noted they had been working with Ms. Canning and the ETB on a programme in the area. Ms. Walsh highlighted the importance of early intervention at pre-school stage as this helps prevent more serious issues arising in children as they are in the later stages of their education.

Mr. Michael Doyle commented on the importance of the learning and helping people feel empowered to contribute to the solutions and identifying their own problems.

Ms. Canning also noted that drug consumption and addiction has become a very deep issue within rural communities, and that it is moving at a fast pace. Ms. Canning noted there is currently a pilot programme in place with 250 participants which has proven to have a high success rate, and that these projects are what is needed to overcome the drug problem in black spots around the county.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy commented that there are a number of public consultations on these issues currently, but that it is national policy that is required to solve many of these issues. Cllr. Murphy stated that it is very important to feed the information relating to these issues up to national level in order for change to take place.

### **3. SICAP Sub Group**

The SICAP sub-group required a replacement to Mr. Ned Brennan. Mr. Kevin Curran was proposed to replace Mr. Brennan for the February sub-group meeting. Mr. Curran's appointment was approved unanimously by the LCDC.

#### 4. Healthy Ireland Round 3 Update.

Ms. Kay Keegan, LCDC Chief Officer, highlighted that the North Cork Teen Talk event would be taking place in Charleville Park Hotel on March 26<sup>th</sup>. The morning event would be for the transition year students who are registered to attend, and the evening event known, Gen Z event, would be centred on parents and teachers.

#### 5. Community Enhancement Programme, reallocation of fund balance.

The CEP fund for 2019 has closed, and there were some allocations which were never availed of, therefore leading to a balance on the fund. This was divided between the three Cork LCDC's, and this allowed for a further allocation of €3000 to the North Cork LCDC. The proposed allocations were as follows:

North Cork									
Application Ref	Organisation	Project Details	IMD	Region	Offered	Grant Amount Paid	Invoice amount	Invoice amount less grant amount	Additional Funds allocated
CEP126836667	Castletownroche Tidy Towns	Our project is the creation of a Heritage Trail.	FERMOY	North	€ 2,700.00	€ 2,700.00	€ 5,000.00	-€ 2,300.00	€ 1,000.00
CEP127258935	Glash School Community Ltd	We are seeking funding to purchase some outdoor seating - 2 no. three seater benches, 2 no. four seater picnic tables and to construct concrete bases for same.	KANTURK-MALLOW	North	€ 2,000.00	€ 2,000.00	€ 5,448.00	-€ 3,448.00	€ 1,000.00
CEP126736163	Shanballymore Community Development Association	We plan on purchasing 2 energy efficient electrical radiators to place opposite the 2 existing oil heaters and an industrial dishwasher for the recently refurbished kitchen	FERMOY	North	€ 1,000.00	€ 1,000.00	€ 2,215.52	-€ 1,215.52	€ 1,000.00

€ 3,000.00

The additional allocations were proposed by Mr. Kevin Curran and seconded by Ms. Brid Coakley.

#### 6. Amendments to meeting schedule.

Changes to the meeting schedule for the latter part of 2020 were required and the proposed changes were put forward to the meeting. These include the following:

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September New Date: Monday, 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October New Date: Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November New Date: Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
New Date: Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

Ms. Keegan highlighted that the only caveat would be that a quorum would be imperative in July as if the quorum is not met, the next meeting would not be held until September 21<sup>st</sup>, which would be too large a gap between meetings.

The changes were proposed by Ms. Brid Coakley and seconded by Cllr. Gearoid Murphy.

**7. Any Other Business**

None.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting, 02<sup>nd</sup> of March, 2020 and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting concluded.

**Meeting Concluded**

Signed: Bernad Murphy  
CHAIRPERSON  
Dated: 2-2-20

