

# Minutes of North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021 @ 2.00p.m.

### 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
Clir. Gearóid Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. James Fogarty	Divisional Manager North Cork	Public
Ms. Marie O'Flynn	Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Public
Ms. Geraldine Canning	Cork Education & Training Board	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	LEO North Cork	Public
Mr. Padraig 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
Ms. Maura Walsh	I.R.D. Duhallow CLG.	Private

**Apologies:** 

Mr. Julian O'Keefe	IFA (ICMSA)	Private
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
Mr. Jesse Dorrington	Staff Officer

Quorum=10 (50% of 17 rounded up + 1 = 10)

In attendance= 14 (8 Public : 6 Private)

Apologies= 3

Total membership= 17



#### Welcome and Introduction

The LCDC was conducted through Microsoft Teams.

The Chairperson Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, was delayed and Deputy Chair Cllr. Gerard Murphy hosted the meeting. It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 8th October 2020

The Minutes of the LCDC Meeting dated 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gearóid Murphy and seconded by Sean Hegarty.

## Matters arising

None.

2. North Cork LCDC Annual Report presented by the Chief Officer

Under Chapter 2 Section 128B (1) (i) of the Local Government Reform Act 2014 there is a requirement of LCDC to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions for the previous year. North Cork LCDC Annual Report for 2020 was adopted on the proposal of James Fogarty and seconded by Sean Kelly.

The Chief Officer noted that soft copies of the reports had been circulated with the agendas.

## 3. SICAP Subgroup Nominations

The Chief Officer informed the LCDC that Marie O'Flynn of DEASP is stepping down as the DEASP rep on the LCDC and has nominated Tracie Williams in her place. Tracie will also replace Marie on the following committees:

- The North Cork LAG
- The North Cork SICAP Subgroup
- Rep from North Cork LCDC on the Healthy Ireland Subgroup

The Chief Officer and Cllr. Gerard Murphy thanked Marie O'Flynn for her contribution to these committees. Nomination proposed by Maura Walsh and seconded by Geraldine Canning.

The nomination will now go forward to full council for approval.

4. Speaker: Catherine Seale-Duggan, Community Water Officer for Cork, Local Authority Waters Programme

The presentation gave an overview of LAWPRO which included the following areas:

- Water quality challenges
- The Community Water Development Fund 2021



- Ongoing and completed projects including LEADER Transboundary projects
- Community Engagement in policy and consultation

Catherine Seale-Duggan said that Cork's allocation under the Community Water Development Fund 2021 is low but that the overall fund is increasing year-on-year. She explained that this funding can be used as match funding for LEADER applications and that this already been achieved by some groups.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy thanked Catherine for her presentation. Michael Doyle praised LAWPRO and said that the programme would be well received in Duhallow where there is a reservoir of experience and knowledge amongst volunteers.

Cllr. Pat Hayes thanked Catherine and said that he has information on relevant projects that he will give to Catherine. He recommended that she link up with the angling bodies in the area as a source of volunteers. Catherine said that she would make contact with Cllr. Pat Hayes and was interested in speaking with the angling bodies.

Sean Hegarty said that he will contact Catherine regarding a Coillte National Parks and Wildlife Project.

The Chief Officer asked if the 2 publications— "A Guide for Community Groups Working with Water and Biodiversity" and "Stories from the Waterside" discussed are available in electronic format. Catherine said yes and that she would send it on to The Chief Officer. The Chief Officer said that she would circulate the publications to LCDC members.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy asked about the progress of the Freshwater Pearl Mussel situation. Catherine did not have information on this but clarified that balance is vital when looking at water issues and that it is being examined alongside other important aspects.

5. **Healthy Ireland: Community Resilience Fund - Overview of projects** presented by Niall O'Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Coordinator

The presentation gave an overview of the Community Resilience Fund 2021 under Healthy Ireland's Keep Well Campaign and featured the following 3 Actions Themes:

- Your County
- Switching Off and Being Creative
- Staying Connected (Community Call)

Niall O'Callaghan explained that although the project is due to run until the end of March 2021, it is now expected that an extension may be given.

Niall said that he is promoting the Keep Well Campaign through branded material and radio interviews.



6. **AOB** 

None.

# 7. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

Signed:

CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

15th March 2021