

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

**Present:**

| Name                  | Organisation                                      | Public/Private |
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| Clr. Bernard Moynihan | Cork County Council                               | Public         |
| Clr. Gerard Murphy    | Cork County Council                               | Public         |
| Clr. Pat Hayes        | Cork County Council                               | Public         |
| Clr. Gearóid Murphy   | Cork County Council                               | Public         |
| Ms. Tracie Williams   | Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection | Public         |
| Ms. Geraldine Canning | Cork Education & Training Board                   | Public         |
| Mr. Pdraig Casey      | Ballyhoura Development CLG.                       | Private        |
| Ms. Brid Coakley      | 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:**

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| Mr. James Fogarty  | Divisional Manager North Cork | Public  |
| Mr. Kevin Curran   | LEO North Cork                | Public  |
| Mr. Sean Kelly     | Cork County PPN               | Private |
| Mr. Julian O'Keefe | IFA (ICMSA)                   | Private |
| Mr. Declan O'Leary | Foróige                       | Private |
| Vacant             | Respond! Housing              | Private |

**CCC Staff in Attendance:**

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| Ms. Kay Keegan       | LCDC Chief Officer |
| Mr. Andrew Lewis     | Finance Officer    |
| Mr. Jesse Dorrington | Staff Officer      |

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| <p><b>Quorum=10 (50% of 17 rounded up + 1 = 10)</b><br/> <b>In attendance= 11 (5 Private: 6 Public)</b><br/> <b>Apologies= 6</b><br/> <b>Total membership= 17</b></p> |
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## **Welcome and Introduction**

The LCDC was conducted through Microsoft Teams.

It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.

#### **Matters arising**

None.

### **2. SICAP**

#### **Approval of End of Year Reports 2020 presented by Andrew Lewis**

The Chief Officer welcomed Tracie Williams, who is replacing Marie O'Flynn, to the LCDC. Tracie is a new member of the SICAP Subgroup and participated in the meetings which discussed both end of year reports and Annual Plans. Tracie thanked the Chief Officer for the welcome and said that it was great to see the good work been done by the Local Development Companies and agreed with the satisfactory assessment of the three Lots.

Andrew Lewis confirmed that the SICAP Subgroup had met with the 3 Local Development Companies and said that there are no performance issues that need to be addressed. He acknowledged that COVID-19 had a major impact on the companies and how they deliver the SICAP programme in 2020. He added that a significant number of community groups found 2020 very difficult due to a lack of fundraising opportunities. He clarified that despite COVID-19 the 3 Local Development Companies succeeded in supporting the vast majority of community groups and that he is very happy with their performance in 2020. He confirmed that there were no issues with delivery on KPIs 1 and 2.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy asked what kind of supports the Local Development Companies are offering to community groups in lieu of fundraising. Andrew Lewis said that they are focussing on communication rather than fundraising to ensure that the community groups survive the pandemic.

The End of Year Reports 2020 for Lots 18-1, 18-2, and 18-3 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.

The approval of the Annual Plans 2021 for Lots 18-1, 18-2 and 18-3 were proposed by Cllr. Pat Hayes and seconded by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy.

### **Internal Audit Reports:**

The Chief Officer notified the LCDC that Cork County Council's Internal Audit Section undertook audits on the 2018 SICAP Programme for both IRD Duhallow and Ballyhoura Development and that no major issues have been identified. She said that these audits were discussed with the SICAP Sub Group committee which have agreed on the submission of the reports to the Department. Proposed by Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Pat Hayes.

### **Presentation: Ballyhoura Food Programme Case Study by Ballyhoura Development by Amanda Slattery.**

Amanda Slattery played a short film highlighting the work undertaken through this project. She emphasised that it shows the importance of non-caseload work, which can sometimes go overlooked, as well as the value of collaboration with other agencies.

### **Outcomes:**

- **Children's Rights Alliance Infant Development Fund:**
  - 520 bags of food provided
  - 780 meals provided
  - Funded 50 families to participate
  - SICAP supported 15 extra families to participate
- **Remote Community Food initiative:**
  - 57 families supported over 4 weeks
  - 228 meals provided
  - Funded by Safefood and SICAP
- **Covid-19 Food Hampers:**
  - 8 Community Groups
  - 7 weekly food collections
  - 462 families helped
  - 1302 food hampers
  - 224 baby food packs
  - 164 children's activity packs

### **Learnings:**

- An integrated approach to working with food across social inclusion and economic activity
- Food as an engagement tool
- Reduce food poverty
- Reduce food waste

- Improve awareness and understanding of the importance of farming, producers and food business
- Development of nutrition and food standards across the Community Afterschool services
- Reinforcing Ballyhoura Development’s role as Community Food Initiative Leader in the Mid-West

Amanda Slattery commented on the value of the project as a means to develop relationships and trust with families which can lead to the provision of extra supports. She concluded that the programme gave the families involved independence and empowerment.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan described the programme as very impressive and thanked Ballyhoura Development on behalf of the LCDC.

3. **Covid-19 Emergency Fund 2021** presented by the Chief Officer (see list of Successful Applications attached)

The national allocation of €1.7M was announced in December with Cork County ‘s allocation being €65,191 The Department recommended that LCDCs ring-fence 30% of funding to grants of €1,000 or less.

The fund was launched in Cork County on 18<sup>th</sup> January with a closing date of 4pm on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.

All projects have until 30th July, 2021 for drawdown of monies, this includes return of receipts plus photographic evidence prior to payment being made.

Those that were unsuccessful were either too large to be funded or the project was deemed ineligible under the scheme guidelines.

**Countywide Breakdown**

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| CCC Allocation:                      | €65,191  |
| Total No. of Applications Received:  | 101      |
| Value of Applications Received:      | €373,338 |
| Total No. Successful Applications:   | 66       |
| Total No. Unsuccessful Applications: | 35       |

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| <b>County Allocation :</b> | <b>€65,191</b>                                     |
|                            | <b>Amount Allocated to €1k or less = €42,902</b>   |
|                            | <b>Total Allocation in excess of €1k = €22,289</b> |

**Breakdown Per LCDC/MD Area:**

**NORTH CORK LCDC:**

**Fermoy MD:**

| No. Applications Received | Value of Applications Recd. | No. Successful €1k or less | Value  | No. Successful more than €1k | Value         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 13 No.                    | €77,618                     | 6 No.                      | €4,000 | 2 No.                        | <b>€4,305</b> |

- Total Allocation: €8,305
- 5 No. Unsuccessful including one project requesting €37,589 & one at €10k

**Kanturk/Mallow MD:**

| No. Applications Received | Value of Applications Recd. | No. Successful €1k or less | Value  | No. Successful more than €1k | Value         |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 15 No.                    | €26,749                     | 9 No.                      | €7,083 | 2 No.                        | <b>€4,000</b> |

- Total Allocation: €11,083
- 4 No. Unsuccessful

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| <b>Total Allocations North Cork:</b> | €1k or less   | €11,083        |
|                                      | More than €1k | € 8,305        |
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|                                      |               | <b>€19,388</b> |

The Chief Officer explained that a number of applications for laptops and tablets for school-going children were received but not funded under the scheme due to their cumulative expense and the fact that other sources of revenue are available.

The Chief Officer clarified that all applications for sanitising equipment and supplies were capped at €500 in order to ensure that as many groups as possible could be supported.

Padraig Casey said that he has heard from community groups that funding for running costs such as heat, light and insurance are needed. He said that these groups' financial reserves have been depleted due to the lack fundraising possible during 2020. He added that a fund to support this type of expenditure would be welcome.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan said that a €10m fund has recently been launched for these purposes. The Chief Officer confirmed that this is correct and the €10m 2021 Stability Fund will be administered by Pobal.

Padraig Casey said that allocations from the 2020 Stability Fund were made to larger but not smaller groups. Maura Walsh supported this.

Cllr. Gerard Murphy commented that he does not believe that Pobal are the suitable vehicle for administering the 2021 Stability Fund. He said that it should be administered by LCDCs, adding that Local Development Companies have local knowledge not available to Pobal. Cllr. Bernard Moynihan agreed and said that he would discuss the matter with Deputy Michael Moynihan. He stressed that the standpoint should have cross-party support in order to be viable.

The allocation of the COVID-19 Emergency Fund 2021 for North Cork was proposed by Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Geraldine Canning and unanimously approved by the LCDC.

**4. AOB**

None.

**5. Date of Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

**Meeting Concluded**

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| Signed: | <u>Bernard Moynihan</u><br>CHAIRPERSON |
| Dated:  | <u>19<sup>th</sup> April 2021</u>      |

**CEF 2021  
 Successful  
 North**

**Fermoy**

| Organisation  | Project Details   | Amount Applied for | Partial or Total | Application Type | Project Total Cost | Amount Offered |
|---|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| Ballyhooly Tennis Club  | Sanitising equipment and supplies.  | €979.00            | T                | 1000 or less     | €979.00            | €500           |
| CDYS Fermoy   | 5 small, portable table top telescopes  | €930.00            | T                | 1000 or less     | €930.00            | €650           |
| Glenville Community Council                                   | Hot water system.   | €1,000.00          | T                | 1000 or less     | €1,000.00          | €850           |
| Mitchelstown Community Council                                | Sanitising equipment and supplies.  | €1,000.00          | T                | 1000 or less     | €1,000.00          | €500           |
| Ballindangan Community Council                                | Sanitising equipment and supplies community phone, newsletter and external noticeboard. | €1,805.00          | T                | 1001 or more     | €1,805.00          | €1,805         |
| Castlelyons Community Centre                                  | Sanitising equipment and supplies and 2 awnings.  | €2,000.00          | P                | 1001 or more     | €8,050.00          | €1,000         |
| CDYS Mitchelstown   | Zoom package.   | €3,098.00          | T                | 1001 or more     | €3,098.00          | €500           |
| Mitchelstown Community Centre T/A Mitchelstown Lesiure Centre | Online booking system.  | €5,000.00          | P                | 1001 or more     | €6,050.00          | €2,500         |
|   |   |                    |                  |                  |                    | <b>€8,305</b>  |

**Kanturk and Mallow**

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| Castlemagner Community Centre Committee          | Community Call.                                       | €800.00   | T | 1000 or less | €800.00    | €800              |
| CDYS Youth Work Ireland Mallow                   | Marquee.  | €649.00   | T | 1000 or less | €649.00    | €649              |
| Duhallow Community Food Services                 | Hot transport box.                                    | €1,000.00 | P | 1000 or less | €1,291.50  | €1,000            |
| Irish Wheelchair Association                     | Zoom drama classes.                                   | €420.00   | T | 1000 or less | €420.00    | €420              |
| Kilbrin Community Council                        | Outdoor bench.  | €1,000.00 | T | 1000 or less | €1,000.00  | €300              |
| Mallow Sheltered Care CLG                        | Meals on wheels equipment.                            | €914.00   | T | 1000 or less | €914.00    | €914              |
| Rockchapel GAA - Covid Response Group            | Improve walking track.                                | €1,000.00 | T | 1000 or less | €1,000.00  | €1,000            |
| Ballyhea Parish                                  | Internet toggles and connections.                     | €3,745.00 | T | 1001 or more | €3,745.00  | €1,000            |
| Ballyhoura Development CLG                       | Sanitising equipment and supplies and wellness packs. | €3,000.00 | P | 1001 or more | €8,000.00  | €2,000            |
| Gilbert Centre                                   | Outdoor tables.                                       | €1,269.00 | T | 1001 or more | €1,269.00  | €1,000            |
| Mallow Charleville Branch of the Irish Red Cross | Medical gases.  | €6,263.00 | P | 1001 or more | €21,263.00 | €2,000            |
|  |   |           |   |              |            | <b>€11,083.00</b> |