

**Minutes of
North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Monday 16th December, 2019 @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. Marie O'Flynn	Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	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

Apologies:

Mr. Julian O'Keefe	IFA (ICMSA)	Private
Mr. James Fogarty	Divisional Manager North Cork	Public
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondhu Blackwater CLG	Private
Mr. Declan O'Leary	Foróige	Private
Vacant	Respond! Housing	Private

CCC Staff in Attendance :

Ms. Kay Keegan	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Cork County Council
Ms. Jamie Cuthbert	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum=10 (50% of 17 rounded up + 1 = 10) In attendance= 12 (7 Public : 5 Private) Apologies= 5 Total membership= 17</p>
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Welcome and Introduction

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 18th November, 2019.

The Minutes of the LCDC Meeting dated 18th November, 2019 were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Pat Hayes, seconded by Mr. Michael Doyle.

There were no matters arising.

2. Presentation by Cork Sports Partnership on Healthy Ireland Fund, Round 2.

Mr. Niall O'Callaghan introduced Claire Hurley of Cork Sports Partnership. Ms. Hurley made a presentation on some of the projects funded by Healthy Ireland Round 2.

The projects were focused on getting people moving, and particularly on getting the older generations moving. The population of older people is growing, and this leads to a higher demand on the HSE services. By facilitating programs in the community, and getting older people moving, it's helping reduce the influx of people into the health services. The program around older people was an 8 week program with 21 programs in total run through this funding scheme. The program provided the older members of the community with an opportunity to meet up socially but also take part in exercise. The age group involved ranged from mid to late 40's up to the 80's. During the presentation, Ms. Hurley showed a video of the activities and the people who took part, and it was clear that the program had a valuable impact on the older population within the local community. Ms. Hurley spoke of a Schools Engagement Program and the importance of engaging young people in sport.

Ms. Maura Walsh thanked Ms. Hurley for her presentation and noted the value of the work being carried out by the program within her own community in Newmarket, North Cork. Ms. Hurley thanked the development companies for their support in implementing initiatives in the communities.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan congratulated Ms. Hurley and the team at Cork Sports Partnership and the team at Healthy Ireland on the success of the programs and noted the money is well spent if it leads to such positive outcomes in getting people moving and active within the community, and lessens the burden on the health service. Cllr. Moynihan noted the positive social impact it has on the older generation to meet up and have a place to go that will improve their physical and mental health also. Ms. Hurley stated that the program will be collaborating with Slainte Care under the integration fund, and that they are currently looking at projects to commence in 2020 which will mean a conduit will be in place between the community and the health service. Ms. Hurley thanked the North Cork LCDC for their support and positive feedback.

Ms. Geraldine Canning suggested that Ms. Hurley focus more on highlighting the collaboration with different groups and organisations such as the Irish Cancer Society and Slainte Care going forward. Cllr. Pat Hayes suggested that there be an improvement in communication and promotion of projects in order to increase awareness and participation. Ms. Hurley noted this, and stated this was an area they would focus on in 2020. Mr. Michael

Doyle commented that the approach of the program in the communities was a holistic one. He noted it would be beneficial to see the statistics on the impact on the HSE over time. Ms. Hurley stated that this research is currently being carried out in UCC and CIT. Mr. Sean Kelly suggested also to improve promotion and communication, particularly in local newsletters.

Mr. O'Callaghan again thanked Ms. Hurley for her work and contribution to the program.

3. Healthy Ireland Round 3 Update.

Mr. Niall O'Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Coordinator, gave an update on the Round 3 funding allocated from Pobal to Healthy Ireland. Mr. O'Callaghan noted that all projects applied for were approved and that all the relevant stakeholders have been informed. It was also noted that the criteria is currently being established for a small grants system under the fund and that Round 3 will be run over a two year period. This decision was taken due to feedback given to Pobal by the local authority Healthy Ireland Co-ordinators from around the country.

Mr. Doyle asked for clarification as to what would be covered under the social farming theme. Mr. O'Callaghan stated that three projects would be covered including awareness, training and a pilot program which would focus on bringing the community into the social farming initiative. Mr. O'Callaghan also noted that unfortunately there was very little time prior to submission to work on a social farming proposal as it was a late entry on the application. Mr. Doyle recommended focusing on social environmental farming and the concept of the practical social farming activities.

Cllr. Moynihan asked that Mr. O'Callaghan give an overview on the TeenTalk project under Healthy Ireland. Mr. O'Callaghan gave a brief presentation of what TeenTalk is and noted that this year along with the day event for students, there will be an added evening talk for parents and teachers in order to educate parents and teachers on the issues affecting teens. Cllr. Moynihan acknowledged the success of the initiative and that it was excellent work. Ms. Marie O'Flynn acknowledged it was an excellent event and that it helped from her perspective working with young people who perhaps don't go the traditional CAO route to further education that she could learn the language and ways to talk to that age group and relate to them in order to improve her service. Ms. Brid Coakley also stated she had attended and found it to be a highly beneficial initiative which helped to generate effective communication and interaction with young people. Ms. Geraldine Canning stated that there should be caution around the program as though it may look great and seem to have a positive impact, that there needs to be file work in relation to this and that the clinical approach needs to be considered and incorporated more. Mr. O'Callaghan noted that Youthreach were invited to the last event at the request of the ETB and that he acknowledges the clinical approach is not fully supportive of the TeenTalk program, but that the research in relation to the clinical approach is outdated and perhaps there could be a different approach that could have more success. Ms. Kay Keegan highlighted that each student that met privately with a counsellor on the day had a follow-up a counsellor and that it wasn't a case that they shared their issues and were then left to process alone. Cllr. Moynihan highlighted that the program is a step in the right direction.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan thanked Mr. O'Callaghan for the update and congratulated him on the work being carried out under the Healthy Ireland Fund.

4. SICAP update.

Mr. Lewis noted there was no update at this time in relation to SICAP.

5. Any Other Business

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy raised the issue of the dates of the LCDDC meeting schedule for 2020. Though the schedule was voted on and approved at the November meeting, Cllr. Gearoid Murphy proposed changes in order to continue the original schedule which followed the 3rd Monday of the month previously. Cllr. Murphy suggested changes to the September, October, November and December meeting dates. Ms. Keegan stated the reason for the early September meeting was because there is no meeting in July and August and that due to holidays in that period, from experience it is difficult to achieve a quorum.

Mr. Andrew Lewis commented that the meeting in the 3rd week of December would also not be likely to achieve a quorum, and that a meeting in the 3rd week of September would leave too long a gap after a summer break. Cllr. Gearoid Murphy suggested a July meeting be scheduled. Ms. Keegan highlighted that the schedule was sent out to all members prior to the November meeting, and was subsequently approved at the November North LCDDC meeting. Ms. Keegan also highlighted that she had discussed the schedule with the Cllr. Bernard Moynihan as Chairperson of the North Cork LCDDC prior to issuing the schedule and therefore did not anticipate issues being raised later.

Ms. Maura Walsh suggested Cllr. Gearoid Murphy's proposal be taken on board by the committee. Cllr. Pat Hayes commented that if the meetings were always conducted on the 3rd Monday of the month, then that should continue and any required adjustments be made. Ms. Keegan commented that there are a number of reasons for the changes, and that some dates clashed with other timelines such as SICAP and included a number of Bank Holiday weekends. Mr. Lewis highlighted that if a meeting was scheduled in July, and didn't go ahead due to the low attendance, then it would have a knock on effect on projects. Ms. Brid Coakley commented that over the years it was not unusual for dates to change and that we did not always meet on the 3rd Monday. A number of dates were proposed by Cllr. Murphy and it was agreed that Cllr. Moynihan and Ms. Keegan would look at the schedule for the latter part of the year and see what amendments can be made.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting, 03rd of February, 2020 and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting concluded.

Meeting Concluded



Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil
Chorcaigh Thuaidh
North Cork Local Community Development
Committee

Signed:

Bonnie M. Niki
CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

03/02/20

