



**Minutes of
South Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Via Microsoft Teams**

Date: 25th February 2021

Time: 10.00am.

LCDC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Name	Organisation	Public / Private
Cllr. Marcia Dalton	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Seamus McGrath	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Michael Hegarty	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Valerie O'Sullivan	Divisional Manager South Cork	Public
Mr. Sean O'Sullivan	Head of LEO South Cork	Public
Mr. Donal O'Liathain	Údarás na Gaeltachta,	Public
Mr. John Fitzgibbons	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. John Lyne	DSP	Public
Mr. Peter Dineen	PPN	Private
Mr. Thomas McHugh	Cork Chamber	Private
Ms. Mary O'Leary	Environmental Pillar	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Martin O'Brien	PPN	Private
Mr. <i>Pat Roche</i>	Avondhu/Blackwater Development Group CLG	Private
Mr. Jimmy Hosford	Agricultural Pillar	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	WCDP	Private

LCDC MEMBERS APOLOGIES:

Name	Organisation	Private / Public
Mr. Brian Williams	Youth Work Ireland	Private
Vacant	Civic Society	Private
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council	Public

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Kay Keegan	LCDC Chief Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Jesse Dorrington	Staff Officer	Cork County Council

Quorum = 11 (50% of 19 rounded up + 1 = 11)
In attendance = 16 (8 Private: 8 Public)
Apologies = 3
Total membership = 19



Welcome and Introduction.

The Chair Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen was unable to attend and Deputy Chair Cllr. Michael Hegarty hosted the meeting. He welcomed all to 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 8th October 2020 were adopted on the proposal of Arran O'Driscoll and seconded by Cllr. Marcia Dalton.

Matters arising

None.

2. South 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. South Cork LCDC Annual Report for 2020 was adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Donal O'Liathain.

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

3. 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. Michal Hegarty thank Catherine Seale-Duggan for her presentation.

Mary O'Leary asked if LAWPRO only work with fresh water or do they include coastal areas. Catherine confirmed that transitional and coastal areas also fall under their remit.

Jimmy Hosford asked if LAWPRO inform farmers before entering their land. Catherine answered that they regularly hold farmers meetings and contact all farmers as well as local Gardaí in the area before entering farmers' land.



Arran O'Driscoll asked how local clubs can get involved with Water Matters at the Club. Catherine recommended that they register their interest with the GAA. Arran asked if LAWPRO work with tidy towns groups. Catherine said that do so regularly and even administer an annual special tidy towns award – the Waters and Communities Award. Arran asked if LAWPRO have a presence on social media. Catherine said yes and to look under the Waters and Communities tag.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton acknowledged that fencing beside rivers is very important but asked if there is also a focus on cleaning rivers as silt build up is a major source of flooding. Catherine said that this is best handled at a local level and recommended contacting local area offices and discussing issues with their engineers.

Arran O'Driscoll asked if a local community should contact LAWPRO if they want to make the most of a local river. Catherine said yes and that in her experience communities can often solve the issues themselves and just need help with suggested solutions.

4. 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 was not originally envisaged that the entire project would take place under a level 5 lockdown and so he is seeking an extension.

Niall noted that Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is launching in Cork County in Carrigtwohill. He praised the project as excellent.

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

Cllr Marcia Dalton said that she was unaware of the Theatre in the Community initiative and asked how it was promoted. Niall said that it was advertised through Cork County Council's social media platforms and locally through Cultural Companion groups' networks. Cllr. Marcia Dalton asked what areas are being focused on. Niall said he would send her a list of partaking towns by email.

5. AOB


The Chief Officer said that the next tranche of the Covid-19 Emergency Fund is required to be approved by the LCDC. In order to release the funds quickly an extra LCDC meeting may be required before the next scheduled meeting on 25th March. The LCDC unanimously agreed to this.



6. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 25th March 2021 at 10.00am.

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the South Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)	
Signed:	 CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>16th March 2021</u>