

**Minutes of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Thursday 21st November 2019 @ 15.30
Fernhill House Hotel, Clonakilty**

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henehan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private
Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileánTeo	Private
Mr. Thomas Collins	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. John Kennedy	Foroige	Private
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private

Apologies:

Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Aaran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Vacant	Cork PPN	Private
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private

In Attendance - Support Staff:

Ms. Kay Keegan	Chief Officer, LCDC	Cork County Council
Ms. Maire Ni Thuama	Staff Officer	Cork County Council
Ms. Jamie Cuthbert D.	Staff Officer	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11) In attendance= 13 (10 private: 6 Public) Apologies= 6 Total membership= 19</p>

Welcome & Introduction

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 24th October, 2019

The minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 24th October, 2019 were proposed by Mr. K. Curran and seconded by Ms. Clodagh Henehan.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. SICAP - Presentation of Case Study by West Cork Development Partnership – Fergal Conlon ‘Try a Trade’.

Mr. Fergal Conlon & Mr. Mark Gaffney presented the case study which included a very informative video showing the practical skills gained by participants. The 2019 project included three disciplines including hospitality, beauty & construction. The presentation showed the uniqueness of the program, the hands-on approach of the program itself, along with the road to progression & the work experience acquired.

Phoebe Bright noted how impressive the initiative was and the value for money achieved by the initiative. Ms. Bright also noted how it was an opportunity to set the participants up for success in the work environment in the future. Ms. Bright questioned why only half of the participants had taken part in the follow-up. Mr. Fergal Conlon highlighted that it was difficult to stay in touch with the participants due to their age and circumstances, but also noted that it was a very positive to see that 3 of the 5 members of the travelling community that had participated transitioned to employment immediately after completion of the course. Mr. Conlon stated that the future could lead to other options for the initiative including retro-fitting and farming.

Mr. Kevin Curran asked if there were many participants who continued on to further education following completion. Mr. Mark Gaffney stated that some participants continued on to PLC Courses, none of the participants undertook an apprenticeship as they found it difficult to commit to long term education and preferred the PLC format. The short-term perspective seemed to be a trend amongst the participants.

Mr. Curran suggested a review of the participants at a later date to see the long term impact of the initiative on the participants.

Ms. Kay Keegan noted that the initiative was very impressive and that it could become a national program following review of the case study by the Department.

3. Healthy Ireland Round 3 Fund.

No update available, still awaiting approval from Pobal and Dept.

4. 2020 West Cork LCDC Schedule of Meetings.

Noted.

5. Any Other Business

None.

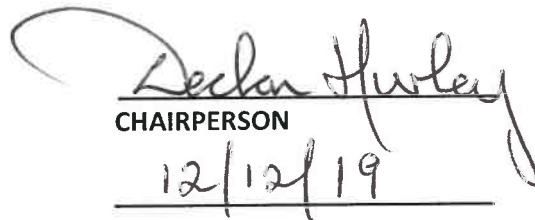
9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 12th December, 2019.

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Signed:


CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

12/12/19