



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

Date: 25th March 2021

Time: 3.30pm.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Mr. Thomas Collins	Cork County PPN	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private
Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileán Teo	Private

Apologies:

Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henehan	Divisional Manager West Cork	Public
Vacant	Foroige	Private
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
Vacant	Cork PPN	Private

In Attendance - Support Staff:

Ms. Kay Keegan	Chief Officer, LCDC	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= 14 (7 private: 7 Public)

Apologies= 5

Total membership= 19

Welcome & 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 16th March 2021.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Kevin Curran and seconded by Eileen O'Shea.

Matters arising

None.

2. SICAP

Approval of End of Year Reports 2020 presented by Andrew Lewis

Andrew Lewis confirmed that the SICAP Subgroup had met with the 2 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 2 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.

Andrew Lewis commented on the Local Development Companies' excellent interaction with community groups across 2020. He referred to the increase in working from home in 2020 and the greater reliance on broadband this had created. He said the shift to online service provision made it more difficult for Local Development Companies to deliver training programmes and highlighted that they are currently collaborating on this online provision to achieve uniformity and reduce costs.

The End of Year Reports 2020 for Lots 18-5, 18-6, and 18-7 were approved on the proposal of Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy and seconded by Phoebe Bright.

The approval of the Annual Plans 2021 for Lots 18-5, 18-6 and 18-7 were proposed by Cornelius Buckley and seconded by Kevin Curran.

Andrew Lewis thanked Enda McWeeney and John Lyne for their work with the subgroup on these reports and plans. Cllr. Declan Hurley said that 2020 had been a very challenging year, acknowledged the Local Development Companies for linking in with their communities and thanked them for all of their work. Kevin Curran complimented the Local Development Companies for meeting their targets during such a difficult year. He supported the idea of them working together to improve their service offering.

Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy also praised the Local Development Companies for delivering during 2020. He said that a lot of SICAP provision is very personal and hands on and that reinvention as a more online service is not an easy task. Ryan Howard congratulated the other Local Development Companies and outlined the challenge posed by the lack of digital knowledge and equipment in communities when trying to deliver online training. He said that SECAD have developed a system regarding online training which they are willing to share with other Local Development Companies.

Presentation: Online Services Developed in Lockdown 1 Case Study by West Cork Development Partnership by Kathryn Kingston.

Kathryn Kingston offered a brief overview and then showed a video about the project.

- The goal was to get helpful information out to community groups without access to traditional methods due to the lockdown.
- Facebook and Youtube were used with more than 50 posts posted on Facebook which reached over 26,000 people and 2 Youtube videos created.
- WCDP wanted to reach people who do not use social media too. Consequently, they set up a Wordpress site, collating useful and reliable COVID-19 related information from a number of sources to help promote businesses and services to people who needed them.
 - Over 500 listings were uploaded and shared.
 - 3,474 visits to the website in April 2020.
 - 9,500 people were reached and there were 2,100 engagements.

Kathryn concluded that it was a worthwhile project appreciated by many in the communities WCDP serves. She specifically observed that articles written by local people and with a local angle were strongly appreciated by their users. She noted that it is more difficult to get engagement online in lockdown 3.

Arran O'Driscoll said that it is difficult to show this kind of work on paper and that the message can get lost. She said that it is worthwhile to present it as case study to the LCDC. She commented that there is now a lot more collaboration between community groups and SICAP providers which is welcome. She said that the pandemic has highlighted that not everybody has a laptop and uses social media which presents challenges when trying to engage with them. She reiterated that it is good that WCDP are able to give this type of feedback to the LCDC.

John Walsh described the project as excellent and said that great work is being done on the ground. He agreed with Kathryn that using a local voice is vital and said that Bere Island Community Radio would love to collaborate with WCDP in the future.

Cllr. Declan Hurley congratulated WCDP on the project. He said that a source of information that people can trust is very welcome. He acknowledged the large volume of work involved and that it was a huge help to the communities and individuals who needed it. He wished WCDP continued success. The Chief Officer thanked Kathryn Kingston and Arran O'Driscoll

and said that it was good for the LCDC members to see the reality of what is happening on the ground. She thanked the Local Development Companies, the SICAP Sub Group members, Enda McWeeny & John Lyne and her own team of Andrew Lewis, Terence Sheehan & Máire Ní Thuama for their contribution to SICAP in 2020. Cllr. Declan Hurley asked the Local Development Company members present to pass the LCDC's thanks on their colleagues.

3. Any Other Business

None

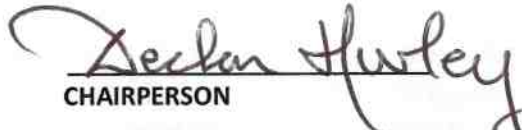
4. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 22nd April 2021 at 3.30pm

Meeting Concluded

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

Signed:


CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

27th May 2021