

**Minutes of
North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Via Microsoft Teams
15th May 2023 @ 2.00p.m.**

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Gearóid Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Pat Hayes	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Majella Murphy	Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Public
Mr. Bob Seward	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Michael Doyle	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. Pdraig Casey	Ballyhoura Development CLG	Private
Ms. Maura Walsh	IRD Duhallow CLG	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG	Private

Apologies:

Mr. James Fogarty	Divisonal Manager North Cork	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	LEO North Cork	Public
Mr. Denis McNamara	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Declan O'Leary	Foróige	Private
Mr. Julian O'Keeffe	IFA (ICMSA)	Private
Vacant	Respond! Housing	Private
Vacant	Cork Education & Training Board	Public

Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Kay Keegan	LCDC Chief Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer	Cork County Council
Ms. Elaine Connolly	Clerical Officer	Cork County Council

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

Welcome and Introduction

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDDC Meeting of Monday 17th April 2023

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Bernard Moynihan.

Matters arising

None.

2. SICAP

- Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG 2022 Case Study by Mary Gubbins

Context

Social Inclusion and Communication Activation Programme 2018 – 2023

Introduction:

- Our 2022 Case Study was a result of work with Syrian women living in the Mallow area
- This group was supported under Goal 2 'Promoting Personal Development and Wellbeing
- This support identified the needs of Syrian Women living in the Mallow area and led to a suitable programme of activities being devised.

Background:

- In 2015 the Irish Refugee Protection Programme was established as a direct response to the humanitarian crisis that developed in Southern Europe
- From 2000-2019, over 3,000 refugees from almost 30 nationalities were resettled to Ireland
- Under the UNHCR led refugee resettlement programme, Ireland signed up to bring Syrian refugees from the Lebanon and Jordan
- In this time period 256 Syrian and Iraqi refugees were resettled across Cork & Kerry with 90 individuals relocating to the Mallow area.
- Avondhu Blackwater Partnership were involved with the key agencies from the initial stages of this relocation programme
- Through our SICAP & TUS Programmes we engaged with the Cork Kerry Resettlement Project outlining support available
- This led to the engagement of the men through SICAP, initially availing of employment and self employment related supports
- With the assistance of the project this resulted in 6 individuals referring onto TUS, extensive self employment work with 3 people, with one business set
- TUS participants have availed of SICAP funded training

Emerging Needs:

- Having had initial engagement and success with the Syrian men, the needs of the women began to emerge
- Existing engagement and supports for the women included through leisure, befriending, health other initiatives
- In consultation with the key agencies in Mallow the need to provide a non-accredited programme for these women emerged

The Initiative:

- This non accredited programme centered around empowerment, confidence building and goal setting
- The target group was Syrian women living in the Mallow area
- The aim was to provide engagement opportunities for women experiencing multiple barrier to progression
- The facilitator needed to be an Arabic speaker due to both language and cultural issues
- The training was about creating a safe space where women could meet speak openly about issues, their daily struggles and set goals for the future

Course Description:

- Procurement guidelines were followed and a suitable Arabic speaking facilitator with a wealth of experience and knowledge was secured
- An eight week programme was devised, where participants attended 3 hour sessions on a weekly basis
- The training discussed topics including reproductive health, violence against women, poverty, employment, sexuality, religion, war, experience of being a refugee and personal development
- The programme also looked at goal setting and outlining pathways to employment and education / training.

Outcomes:

- 17 Syrian women attended ranging in age from early 20s to late 50s. 11 in regular attendance
- Adhering to the class start and finish times was an issue due to medical appointments, care and personal issues
- Valuable opportunities for learning, networking and future planning were created
- The Arabic speaking facilitator, her previous experience of delivering similar programme and her understanding of traditions and culture were essential to the success of the programme

Challenges & Barriers:

- The need to deliver the course with an Arabic speaking facilitator was a challenge both for language development and also long term integration
- In some cases small children and babies were brought to the course, which may have affected its delivery
- A disclosure of domestic violence was made by a class participant, which led to her isolation within the group

- The content of the poster may have impacted participation rates

Conclusion:

- The Syrian Women are keen to capitalize from the learning achieved from this initiative
- They are keen to seek out opportunities for integration through participation in future events, activities and training
- SICAP will continue to work with individuals as a result of this initiative who expressed an interest in progressing into employment (2), training (2) and self employment (1)
- Some of the Syrian women participated in a similar initiative completed with women in Direct Provision later in the year.

Cllr. Gearoid murphy thanked Mary and Avondhu Blackwater Paternership for the very informative presentation and the important work carried out to make these individuals feel welcomed and included in the community from unimaginable partnerships that are being formed.

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan & Sean Hegarty concurred that exceptional work was carried out.

- Pre-approval granted by LCDC Chief Officer

As previously agreed by LCDC members at the 17th May 2021 meeting, going forward in order to expediate the approval process for Local Development Companies, approval of subcontract services for SICAP can be approved by the Chief Officer and presented at the next LCDC meeting for noting. The following approval was granted since the last meeting.

Ballyhoura Development CLG Sub-Contracting of Services Approval for Lot 18.2

Action to be Sub-contracted (include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 4 Community Development Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthen the Community Groups Training Total Goal 1	€250.00 €250.00
Goal 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total Goal 2	€ €
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	€250.00

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Goal 1: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 4 Community Development Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strengthen the Community Groups Training (2nd Workshop) Total Goal 1	 €250.00 €250.00
Goal 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 6 Breaking Down Barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ First Aid Workshop for Parents Total Goal 2	 €500.00 €500.00
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	€750.00

Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG Sub-Contracting of Services Approval for Lot 18.3

Action to be Sub-contracted (include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1: 1.2 Capacity build local community groups Volunteer Interpreter Training (Irish Refugee Council) Building Cultural Competence and Diversity Awareness (Immigrant Council of Ireland)	 €1,000 €797
Goal 2: 2.1 Promote personal development and wellbeing Mallow and Kilshannig Yoga Classes 14 weeks each (Wendy Kruger) Nutrition, Cooking and Wellbeing course - Castletyons (Five weeks - Everyday NFW) Nutrition and Cooking Course - Glanworth (three weeks – Everyday NFW)	 €1960 €2275.5 €1254.60
2.2 Provide lifelong learning opportunities HACCP Food Safety Level 2 Training (x 2) (The Food Safety Company) Basic First Aid Training Fermoy X 2 (Safe Tech) Hospitality / Personal development (Ready to Start)	 €3,000 €990 €895
2.3 Preventative supports for young people Dance and Gymnastics Course six weeks, two groups (Empire Acrobatic Dance School) English as a second language for Ukrainian Students (Fermoy Education Centre)	 €2460 €4200
2.4 Preparing people for employment and to remain in work Safepass Training (English) (Austin Noonan, SOLAS registered trainer) Safepass Training (with Ukrainian/Russian Translator) (Optima Training) English as a second language Adult course 16 sessions (David Irwin) Manual Handling Ukrainian x 2 Buttevant (TM Consultancy)	 €1,800 €3,000 €3520 €800.00
2.5 Promoting better quality and sustainable employment Chainsaw Safety and Tree Felling (Cosgrove Safety Training)	 €3,000
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	€30952.10

3. Community Support Fund 2023 & Women's Shed 2023 – Allocations

Community Support Fund 2023

The Department of Rural and Community Development (“the Department”) funds the Community Support Fund (CSF) which provides funding to support community groups across Ireland

The **Community Support Fund** will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas

- With their non-pay running costs for example energy costs (electricity costs, refuse charges, heating charges) or other non-pay operating costs for example rental/lease costs, insurance bills.
- Groups will also be able to use the funding to carry out necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities, purchase equipment etc.

This funding will help communities, community groups and committees, allowing them to continue to provide valuable services to the people in their area, and in the process strengthen the bonds that tie communities together.

Cork County launched this scheme on Friday, 3rd February with a **closing date of 3pm on Monday, 13th March, 2023**

The €362,678 fund comprises of

- Current funding (Non-Pay) for use towards running/operating costs, eg. Utility costs, insurance, audit/accountancy fees, etc.

(Costs related to the period from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023 only eligible under this category)

- Capital funding for use towards carrying out necessary repairs and improvements to facilities, purchase of equipment, etc.

(For drawdown, capital costs must cover period from LCDC grant approval date to 31st August 2023)

There are three types of grants available under this Programme:

- Small scale capital grant up to a maximum of €1,000 or less
- Capital grant in excess of €1,000
- Grants associated with running/operating costs

The majority of applications were able to be funded either via the capital or operating costs. Those that were unsuccessful were either too large to be funded, the timeline being unachievable or the project was deemed ineligible under the scheme guidelines.

In addition to above allocation, the Department permitted us to add on outstanding balances from other reiterations of the community enhancement schemes over the past few years, this increased the county allocation to €366,166.73 and included the following balances:

Community Enhancement Programme 2018	-	€1,455
Community Enhancement Programme 2019	-	€283.67
Covid 19 Emergency Fund	-	€1,740.06
Community Activities Fund 2022	-	€10.00
Total Additional Monies	=	€3,488.73

County Allocation:	Operational Costs	-	€177,712
	Capital	-	€181,339
	Plus additional Monies (Capital)		€3,488.73
	Women's Sheds	-	€3,627

An analysis of the 244 countywide applications received can be found hereunder:

COUNTYWIDE BREAKDOWN

Total No. of Applications Received:	244 No. Countywide
Total No. of Successful Applications:	186 No.
Total No. of Unsuccessful Applications:	58 No.

Note: Unsuccessful Applications, many of these groups submitted more than one application and would have been funded under either operational or capital.

BREAKDOWN PER LCDC

NORTH CORK LCDC:

Fermoy MD:

No. Applications Received	No. Unsuccessful	No. & Value Successful Op Costs	No. Successful €1k or less	Value	No. Successful more than €1k	Value
32 No.	5 No	16 No. €26,620	4 No.	€3,640	7 No.	€25,200

Kanturk/Mallow MD:

No. Applications Received	No. Unsuccessful	No. & Value Successful Op Costs	No. Successful €1k or less	Value	No. Successful more than €1k	Value
53 No.	11 No	24 No. €33,030	3 No.	€2,550	15 No.	€34,719

WOMENS SHED FUND:

Kanturk/Mallow MD: (No applications received from Fermoy MD)

No. Applications Received	No. Unsuccessful	No. & Value Successful	Value
1 No.	0 No	1 No. €1,000	€1,000

Total Allocations North Cork:

Operation Costs €59,650

€1k or less

€6,190

More than €1k

€59,919

Womens' Shed

€1,000

€126,759

**CSF 2023
Successful North
Cork**

Organisation	Project Details	MD	Amount Offered for Operational Costs	Amount Offered for Capital Costs	Amount Applied for Operational Costs	Amount Applied for Capital Costs
22nd Cork Kildorrery Scouts	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Fermoy	€700.00		€1,000.00	
Ballindangan Community Council	Equipment - purchase burko & indoor scaffold.	Fermoy		€900.00		€908.00
Ballindangan Community Council	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Fermoy	€2,500.00		€5,115.00	
Bartlemy Parish Hall Ltd	Equipment - purchase gazebo	Fermoy		€1,200.00		€1,284.00
Bartlemy Parish Hall Ltd	Operational costs - insurance	Fermoy	€1,500.00		€1,587.00	
Castlelyons Community Centre	Operational costs - insurance	Fermoy	€2,000.00		€2,081.00	
Clondulane Community Association	Operational costs - Utility/Insurance	Fermoy	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Clondulane Community Association	Upgrade windows, doors & heating.	Fermoy		€4,000.00		€5,000.00
Conna Muintir Community Council	Operational costs - Utility/Insurance	Fermoy	€3,700.00		€10,237.00	
Coolagown Development Group	Purchase ride on lawnmower	Fermoy		€4,500.00		€4,500.00
Fermoy Bridge Club	Operational costs - insurance	Fermoy	€2,000.00		€11,539.00	
Fermoy Concert Band	Operational cost - Insurance	Fermoy	€1,000.00		€2,085.00	
Fermoy Concert Band	Replacement of fire door & windows	Fermoy		€4,000.00	€4,750.00	
Glenville Community Council	Operational costs - Utility/Insurance	Fermoy	€2,000.00		€2,196.00	
Killavullen Community Council Ltd.	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Fermoy	€1,300.00		€1,312.00	

Kilworth Celtic FC Ltd	Equipment	Fermoy		€740.00		€746.00
Kilworth Celtic FC Ltd	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Fermoy	€2,000.00		€4,807.00	
Kilworth Sports Complex	Operational costs - Insurance	Fermoy	€2,000.00		€3,385.00	
Millstreet Athletic Club	Sports Equipment	Fermoy		€1,000.00		€999.00
Millstreet GAA Club	Operational costs.	Fermoy	€420.00		€420.00	
Millstreet Mens Shed	Purchase kitchen appliances	Fermoy		€3,500.00		€3,500.00
Mitchelstown Community Centre Company Limited by Guarantee t/a Mitchelstown Leisure Centre	Operational costs - Insurance	Fermoy	€1,500.00			€26,416.00
Mitchelstown Community Council CLG	purchase kitchen appliances	Fermoy		€1,000.00		€1,000.00
MITCHELSTOWN COMMUNITY FORUM CLG	Install new gate motors, control unit & outside lighting	Fermoy		€4,000.00		€5,067.00
Mitchelstown Social Club	Operational costs - Utility/Insurance	Fermoy	€2,000.00		€2,546.00	
Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre	Equipment - cinema screen	Fermoy		€4,000.00		€6,237.00
Saint George's Arts and Heritage Centre	Operational costs - Utility /Insurance	Fermoy	€1,000.00		€1,500.00	
Ballyclough community centre	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Ballydesmond Community Centre	Operational costs - Utility/Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€2,000.00		€3,343.00	
Ballydesmond Community Centre	Upgrade the interior of Community Centre	Kanturk & Mallow		€2,600.00		€11,062.00
Ballyhea Parish	Operational costs. - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€900.00		€900.00	

Banteer Community Centre and Astro Turf	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Banteer Community Sportsfield CLG	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,400.00		€1,400.00	
Charleville & District Rugby Club	Purchase/Install defib	Kanturk & Mallow		€2,500.00		€9,168.00
Charleville Incubation Units CLG. T/A Charleville E Centre	Operational cost - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€2,000.00		€2,500.00	
Cullen Community Center	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€2,300.00		€2,377.00	
Dromina Community Council	Replace old wooden tables	Kanturk & Mallow		€1,200.00		€1,244.00
Dromina Community Council CLG	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Dromina Community Playground Association	Purchase sensory units	Kanturk & Mallow		€3,000.00		€5,000.00
Freemount Community Development Association	Purchase strimmers and leaf blower	Kanturk & Mallow		€1,000.00		€1,000.00
Freemount Community Development Association	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,500.00		€1,500.00	
Freemount GAA Club	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€2,000.00		€2,000.00	
Freemount GAA Club	Accessible toilets	Kanturk & Mallow		€2,000.00		€3,000.00
Glantane Community Council	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€500.00		€498.00	
Hazelwood Tennis Club	Purchase seating	Kanturk & Mallow		€650.00		€650.00

Hazelwood Tennis Club	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,000.00		€1,020.00	
Kanturk GAA	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,000.00		€999.00	
Kilshannig LGFA	Sports Equipment	Kanturk & Mallow		€2,000.00		€2,500.00
Kiskeam Development Association	LED lighting	Kanturk & Mallow		€3,500.00		€3,500.00
Kiskeam GAA	Resurfacing and lining of existing car park	Kanturk & Mallow		€2,500.00		€3,000.00
Knocknagree Community Development Group CLG	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€3,000.00		€8,141.00	
Knocknagree Fairfield Tidy Towns Committee	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€190.00		€194.00	
Liscarroll Community Council	Painting	Kanturk & Mallow		€500.00		€3,098.00
Liscarroll Community Council	Operational costs - Utility/Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€2,000.00		€3,272.00	
Liscarroll Handball Club	Upgrade lights	Kanturk & Mallow		€1,000.00		€1,307.00
Liscarroll Handball Club	Operational costs - Utility/Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€2,000.00		€3,184.00	
Lombardstown Community Council	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€450.00		€452.00	
Lombardstown Tennis Club	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€900.00		€899.00	
Lombardstown Tennis Club	Fencing	Kanturk & Mallow		€2,600.00		€32,243.00
Milford Area Community Council Company Limited By Guarantee	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€2,700.00		€3,027.00	

Milford Lawn Tennis Club	Operational costs - insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,500.00		€1,516.00	
Newmarket Thursday Club	Operational costs - Insurance	Kanturk & Mallow	€490.00		€490.00	
Newtownshandrum Tidy Towns	Purchase ride on lawnmower	Kanturk & Mallow		€3,500.00		€4,499.00
Rathcoole Development Association	Landscaping	Kanturk & Mallow		€1,819.00		€9,772.00
Rockchapel GAA	Operational costs - Utility Bills	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Rockchapel GAA	Development of community Sports/Recreation Facilities	Kanturk & Mallow		€3,000.00		€5,448.00
The Crann Centre	Operational costs.	Kanturk & Mallow	€1,200.00		€1,500.00	
The Crann Centre	Accessible toilets	Kanturk & Mallow		€3,000.00		€3,750.00
Twopothouse Development Association	Planting Carpet Roses and Begonias	Kanturk & Mallow		€900.00		€900.00
			€59,650.00	€66,109.00	€98,772.00	€156,798.00

Proposed by Cllr. Bernard Moynihan and seconded by Majella Murphy

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy queried whether the grants could be publicly advertised. LCDC Chief Officer emphasised that the Dept of Rural & Community Development has asked to refrain from publishing these lists in the press or social media until such time as the Minister has made the announcement.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy queried the deadline date for drawdown of grants, LCDC Chief Officer replied the drawdown deadline date is 31st August 2023.

Cllr. Gearoid Murphy thanked the Chief Officer and her staff who worked on these grants,

4. Any Other Business

N/A

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 19th June 2023.

Meeting Concluded

Signed:	<u>Gearóid Murphy</u> CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>19/06/23</u>