



**Minutes of  
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)  
Council Chamber Kent Street Clonakilty & Via Microsoft Teams**

**Date: 25th May 2023**

**Time: 3.30pm.**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Public/Private</b>
Cllr. John O'Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henehan	Divisional Manager West Cork	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev. Partnership CLG	Public
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin	Comhar na nOileán Teo	Private
Ms. Helen O'Sullivan	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Finbarr Harrington	Cork County PPN	Private

**Apologies:**

Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Leighann Kennedy	Department of Social Protection	Public
Ms. Eileen O'Shea	Civic Society	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
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**Staff in Attendance**

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

<p><b>Quorum = 11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11)</b>  <b>In attendance = 12 (5 Private: 7 Public)</b>  <b>Apologies = 7</b>  <b>Total membership = 19</b></p>
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## **Welcome & Introduction**

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

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 27th April 2023.**

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Alan Coleman.

## **Matters arising**

N/A

### **2. SICAP**

- West Cork Development Partnership 2022 Social Enterprise Case Study: Recruit Refugees Ireland by Fergal Conlon

#### **Social Enterprise support**

- Social Entrepreneur or Social Enterprise
- Institutional context
- Intensive SICAP Supports Process
- Achievements of ICD
- Trials and Tribulations of the Journey
- Observation on Policies and Impediments

#### **Social Entrepreneur or Social Enterprise?**

- Establishing a CLG
- Decision Making and Governance
- Funding/Employment/Income

#### **Intensive SICAP Supports**

- Tailored Personal Plan and Supports for Entrepreneur. Holistic service.
- Development of Business Plan / Strategic Plan.
- Assistance with Governance and Enterprise Establishment Process.
- Assistance with multiple applications to a variety of sources.
- Hand-Holding and encouragement when success is a challenge.
- Multi-year engagement & commitment.
- Beyond agency / service level engagement.
- Finance and Assistance with preliminary costs – Lap-top Loan / Business Cards and Marketing Paraphernalia / Attendance at events.

### Achievements of International Community Dynamics

- Citadel
- Krac 11
- Recruit Refugees Ireland

### Challenges along the Journey

- BTWEA Eligibility (For Social Enterprise)
- Competitive Grant Cycle
- Covid
- National Policies – Work / Accommodation / Status
- Circumstances of International Protection
- TUS
- Rethink Ireland
- Recruitment Industry
- Distractions / Tangents / Networking
- Artists Scheme
- Next Phase?

### General Observation on Social Enterprise Policy

- Home Retrofitting / Transport / Recruitment / Environmental Actions.
- Procurement.
- Public Bodies Paradigm (2 sectors in the state). No 3rd Sector!
- Governance / Regulator / Scale / Volunteerism / Risk
- Definition of “Social” Enterprise and necessity for subsidy.
- Why Social Enterprise – Value Added & Ethos (Fair Wage).
- HSE / Schools / Other services.
- Sound-bites and tokenism versus serious commitment to the sector.
- SICAP - Best advice to social entrepreneurs

The Chair Cllr. John O’Sullivan said that the presentation contained a number of valid points about the issues facing social enterprises.

Phoebe Bright commented that the issue with procurement is a significant one and asked what the solutions are. Fergal Conlon asked LCDC members to speak up about these issues at a national level if possible.

Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy agreed with Fergal Conlon’s concerns regarding social enterprises. He said that the current procurement model is not a good one and does not represent value for money.

Cllr. John O’Sullivan commented that if there is an economic downturn, support for social enterprises might decrease.

Fergal Conlon noted that unfortunately the problems are increasing in this area.

- Pre-approval granted by LCDC Chief Officer

As previously agreed by LCDC members at the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

- Comhar na nOileán CTR Sub-Contracting of Services Approval for Lot 18.7

Action to be Sub-contracted (Include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
<b>Goal 1</b>	
Refreshments Community Housing meeting – Cape Clear	150
Yoga classes Sherkin Island	480
Room hire Yoga /Sherkin	250
<b>Goal 2:</b>	
Pottery Materials for workshop on Bere Island	440
Transport Bere Island	100
Pottery Materials for workshop on Whiddy	150
Room hire Whiddy Community Centre	200
<b>Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted</b>	<b>1770</b>

### 3. Community Support Fund 2023 and Women’s Shed Fund 2023 – Allocations

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> February with a **closing date of 3pm on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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

#### **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.**

**WEST CORK LCDC:**

Bandon/Kinsale MD:

No. Applications Received	No. Unsuccessful	No. & Value Successful Op Costs	No. Successful €1k or less	Value	No. Successful more than €1k	Value
17 No.	2 No	9 No. €23,573	3No.	€2220	3 No.	€7900

West Cork MD:

No. Applications Received	No. Unsuccessful	No. & Value Successful Op Costs	No. Successful €1k or less	Value	No. Successful more than €1k	Value
45 No.	9 No	17 No. €34,654	2 No.	€2,000	17 No.	€49,490

**NOTE: WOMENS SHED FUND - NO APPLICATIONS RECEIVED IN WEST CORK****Total Allocations West Cork:**

Operation Costs€58,227

€1k or less € 4,220

More than €1k €57,390

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€119,837**Successful Applicants**

Organisation	Project Details	MD	Amount Offered for Operational Costs	Amount Offered for Capital Costs	Amount Applied for Operational Costs	Amount Applied for Capital Costs
102nd Kilbrittain Scout Group	Prepare and install lean to around the extension of the scout hall	Bandon & Kinsale		€1,000.00		€1,000.00
Ahiohill Tidy Towns	Repair vandalised hare statue	Bandon & Kinsale		€500.00		€500.00
Bandon Family Resource Centre	Operational costs - Insurance	Bandon & Kinsale	€4,117.00		€4,117.00	
Bandon GAA Hurling & Football Club	purchase Brush cutter and Lawnmower equipment	Bandon & Kinsale		€3,000.00		€5,240.00
Bandon RFC	Operational costs - Utility bills	Bandon & Kinsale	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Barryroe GAA Club	Operational costs - Utility bills	Bandon & Kinsale	€4,000.00		€4,523.00	

Butlerstown Community Hall Association	Operational costs - Insurance/Utility bills	Bandon & Kinsale	€4,206.00		€4,973.00	
K.R.D. Community Association Ltd	traffic cones, fold up tables. pickle ball equipment	Bandon & Kinsale		€1,900.00		€1,944.00
Kilbrittain Timoleague Camogie Club	Operational costs - Insurance	Bandon & Kinsale	€2,000.00		€2,075.00	
Kinsale Youth Community Centre	Operational costs - Insurance	Bandon & Kinsale	€750.00		€750.00	
Lislevane Community Association	Operational costs - Utility bills	Bandon & Kinsale	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Oysterhaven & Nohoval Residents' Association	Purchase of Loud Speaker	Bandon & Kinsale		€720.00		€726.00
Temperance Hall Kinsale	Operational costs - Insurance/Utility bills	Bandon & Kinsale	€4,500.00		€5,767.00	
West Cork Heritage Centre Bandon	Electrical upgrade	Bandon & Kinsale		€3,000.00		€19,863.00
West Cork Heritage Centre Bandon	Operational costs - Insurance/Utility bills	Bandon & Kinsale	€2,000.00		€2,116.00	
Ardfield Rathbarry Community Centre	Operational costs - Utility bills	West	€500.00		€500.00	
Ardfield Rathbarry Community Centre	Electrical work and purchase of chairs	West		€1,500.00		€1,500.00
Ardfield Rathbarry Defibrillator Group	Purchase defibrillator	West		€3,700.00		€5,000.00
Ardfield Rathbarry Galley Flash Rowing Club	Operational costs - Utility bills	West	€400.00		€405.00	
Ballinacarriga & Lisbealad Development Co.Ltd	Operational costs - Insurance	West	€1,000.00		€3,667.00	
Ballinacarriga & Lisbealad Development Co.Ltd	Installation Of LED lighting/electrical works	West		€3,700.00		€3,730.00
Ballineen & Enniskeane Christmas Lights Group	Lighting/electrical works	West		€3,000.00		€20,000.00
Baltimore Community Council	Operational costs - Utility bills	West	€1,500.00		€3,729.00	
Baltimore Community Council	Replace fire doors	West		€3,700.00		€14,680.00
Bantry Boys Club	Operational costs - Insurance	West	€4,000.00		€5,000.00	

Bantry Development & Tourism	Operational costs - Insurance/Utility bills	West	€4,000.00		€14,137.00	
Bantry Rowing Club	Operational costs - Utility bills	West	€4,000.00		€4,402.00	
Bantry Tidy Towns	Operational costs - Insurance bills	West	€790.00		€790.00	
Beara Sports Hall trading as Beara Recreational Co Ltd	Operational costs - Utility bills	West	€1,000.00		€1,000.00	
Beara United FC	Operational costs - Insurance/hall hire	West	€2,000.00		€5,000.00	
Bere Island Old School Heritage and Information Centre	Operational costs - Insurance	West	€960.00		€969.00	
Bere Island Old School Heritage and Information Centre	Equipment to be purchased would be wall/scaffolding etc	West		€1,000.00		€1,000.00
Caheragh Community Association	buy a industrial dehumidifier	West		€2,000.00		€2,060.00
Caheragh Community Association	Operational costs - Utility bills	West	€2,600.00		€2,650.00	
Caheragh Memorial Park Limited	Development of medicinal plant garden, relevant plant signage, additional seating for users.	West		€3,200.00		€3,250.00
Dunmanway Chess Club	Bridge equipment	West		€1,900.00		€2,630.00
Glengarriff Community Hall	Operational costs - Insurance	West	€4,914.00		€6,644.00	
Goleen and District Community Council	update the football stand seating	West		€2,500.00		€2,500.00
Goleen and District Community Council	Operational costs - Insurance	West	€2,200.00		€3,000.00	
Gortalassa Community Association	Upgrades to building	West		€3,700.00		€16,000.00
Kilcrohane Development Association	Replacement of deteriorated wooden seesaw And broken swing.	West		€2,800.00		€2,827.00
Muintir Bháire GAA	Purchase porto loo	West		€2,000.00		€2,049.00



Na hAorai CLG	Woodchip in the playground	West		€3,090.00		€3,130.00
Schull Yawl Rowing Club	Upgrades to building	West		€3,000.00		€5,800.00
Schull Yawl Rowing Club	Operational costs - Insurance	West	€790.00		€795.00	
Skibbereen Rowing Club	Operational costs - Insurance/Utility bills	West	€2,000.00		€7,000.00	
Skibbereen Rowing Club	Purchase of two accessible rowing 'training' boats	West		€3,000.00		€18,000.00
St Marys Tennis Club, Dunmanway	Purchase tennis equipment	West		€1,000.00		€999.00
The Wild Atlantic Pool and Fitness Centre	Replacement of gym equipment	West		€3,000.00		€10,000.00
The Wild Atlantic Pool and Fitness Centre	Operational costs - Insurance	West	€2,000.00		€14,727.00	
Tralahan Development Association	purchase equipment	West		€3,700.00		€5,122.00
			<b>€58,227.00</b>	<b>€61,610.00</b>	€100,736.00	€149,550.00

The Chief Officer clarified that this information cannot be made public through an announcement or social media until Minister Humphreys makes an official announcement.

Proposed by Phoebe Bright and seconded by Máire Uí Mhaoláin.

#### 4. Any Other Business

The Chief Officer noted that as both the SICAP and LEADER Programmes are ending this year, the LCDC boundaries will change to align with the Council's divisional boundaries from January 2024.

#### 5. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at 3.30pm.

#### Meeting Concluded

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

Signed:

  
CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

22/06/23

