



**Minutes of
South Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Council Chamber, County Hall & Via Microsoft Teams**

Date: 22nd June 2023

Time: 10.00am.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public / Private
Cllr. Michael Hegarty	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Seamus McGrath	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Marcia Dalton	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Valerie O'Sullivan	Divisional Manger South Cork	Public
Mr. Tom Howard	PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Ms. Mary O'Leary	Environmental Pillar	Private
Mr. Liam McCarthy	PPN	Private
Mr. Pat Roche	Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Jimmy Hosford	IFA	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Development Partnership	Private
Ms. Ashley Amato	Cork Chamber	Private

Apologies:

Name	Organisation	Private / Public
Mr. Sean O'Sullivan	Head of Leo South Cork	Public
Mr. John Fitzgibbons	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Leighann Kennedy	DSP	Public
Mr. Donal O'Liathain	Údarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Brian Williams	Youth Work Ireland	Private
Vacant	Civic Society	Private

Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Sharon Corcoran	Director of Services	Cork County Council
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
Ms. Elaine Connolly	Clerical Officer	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum = 11 (50% of 19 rounded up + 1 = 11) In attendance = 13 (8 Private: 5 Public) Apologies = 6 Total membership = 19</p>
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Welcome and Introduction.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 25th May 2023.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Seamus McGrath and seconded by Tom Howard.

Matters arising

None.

2. LEADER Programme 2023 – 2027: Local Development Strategy

The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest to be declared at start of this item. No conflicts of interest were declared.

The Chief Officer stated that the LCDC in partnership with Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG & SECAD Partnership CLG is currently involved in a bidding process for LAG status under the next LEADER Programme 2023-2027. She noted that a Local Development Strategy must be submitted to the Department by 14th July and that have been employed to assist in the drafting.

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.

The Chair welcomed Valerie Murphy CEO of Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG and Ryan Howard CEO of SECAD Partnership CLG representatives of the Consultants into the meeting.

A presentation on the South Cork Local Development Strategy 2023-2027. They covered the background to LEADER, Principles of LEADER Approach, the structure of the strategy under the various headings as outlined in the LEADER Strategy Guidance Document, the LEADER Themes and how they were being linked to the public consultations and the Financial Plan.

The Chief Officer said that the budget for Cork under the LEADER Programme 2023-2027 is €16.8m. The budget for South Cork LCDC area was outlined to the meeting, however, this may be subject to change by the Department.

Some queries were raised and responded to with the Local Development Strategy being approved by the South Cork LCDC, proposed by Cllr. Michael Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Seamus McGrath.

The Chief Officer noted that confidentiality is vital at this stage of the process as we are in a competitive bid process.

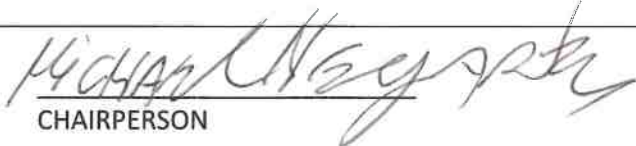
3. Any Other Business

None

4. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 20th July 2023.

Meeting Concluded

Signed:	 CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>20th July 2023</u>

