



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

Date: 22nd June 2023

Time: 3.30pm.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
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
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Ms. Eileen O’Shea	Civic Society	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Finbarr Harrington	Cork County PPN	Private
Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin	Comhar na nOileán Teo	Private

Apologies:

Ms. Arran O’Driscoll	West Cork Dev. Partnership CLG	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Leighann Kennedy	Department of Social Protection	Public
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Ms. Helen O’Sullivan	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
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Staff in Attendance

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 = 12 (5 Private: 7 Public) Apologies = 7 Total membership = 19</p>

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 25th May 2023.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Máire Ní Shé and seconded by Ryan Howard.

Matters arising

N/A

2. SICAP

N/A

3. 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 and Comhar na nOileán Teo 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 Consultants have been employed to assist in the drafting.

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

A presentation on the West Cork Local Development Strategy 2023-2027 was given. 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 and gave details of the allocation for the West Cork LCDC area under the strategy 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 West Cork LCDC, proposed by Kevin Curran and seconded by Máire Ní Shé.

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


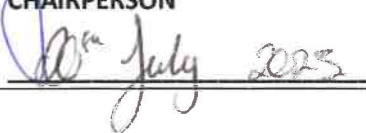
4. Any Other Business

N/A

5. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 20th July 2023 at 3.30pm.

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)	
Signed:	 _____
	CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	 _____

