

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

Date: 28th September 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 D'Alton	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Valerie O'Sullivan	Divisional Manager South Cork	Public
Mr. Donal O'Liathain	Údarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Tom Howard	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Ms. Mary O'Leary	Environmental Pillar	Private
Ms. Ashley Amato	Cork Chamber	Private
Ms. Valerie Murphy	Avondu Blackwater Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Jimmy Hosford	IFA	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	Dept of Social Protection	Public
Mr. Liam McCarthy	Cork County PPN	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Development Partnership	Private
Mr. Brian Williams	Youth Work Ireland	Private
Vacant	Civic Society	Private

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

Quorum = 11 (50% of 19 rounded up + 1 = 11)

In attendance = 12 (6 Private: 6 Public)

Apologies = 7

Total membership = 19

Welcome and Introduction.

It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced. The Chair Michael Hegarty noted that this would be Valerie O'Sullivan's last LCDC meeting as Divisional Manager South Cork as she takes up her new position as Interim Chief Executive Officer of Cork County Council.

The Chair wished Valerie the best in her new role and thanked her for her work over the years. Valerie O'Sullivan thanked the Chair and mentioned that she was only there to contribute and thanked the LCDC Chief Officer & her team for their guidance with the LCDC/LAG meetings and thanked everyone again.

The Chair welcomed Valerie Murphy who replaced Pat Roche as representative for Avondu Blackwater Partnership CLG and mentioned he is looking forward to working with Valerie in the future.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 20th July 2023.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Marcia Dalton and seconded by Mary O'Leary

Matters arising

None.

2. SICAP

The Chief Officer noted that the window for tenders for the new SICAP Programme 2024-2028 closed on 8th September. These will be assessed in the coming weeks by an Evaluation Committee with updates being brought to the LCDC in October/November.

The Chief Officer informed the meeting that additional Ukrainian funding became available in August and that following submission SECAD Partnership CLG has received additional Ukrainian monies of €14,918

3. Update on Outcome of Local Economic and Community Plan Public Consultation by Sharon O'Connell, LECP Programme Manager, Cork County Council

Sharon O'Connell gave a presentation to the LCDC summarising the outcome of the public consultation period and outlined several proposed amendments to the High-Level Goals in the draft LECP following the public consultation period.

The Chair thanked Sharon and her team for their work and is appreciative of their careful analysing of the high volume of data and amendments to the High-Level Goals and SCOTS and opened the floor to any questions or queries.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton had the following queries:

- Regarding High Level Goal 2 that refers to inclusion such as disabilities, queried whether we have something similar for the elderly.

- Queried if Sharon was happy with the level of feedback at 100 submissions.
- Asked who were the members of the advisory group and if the LCDC were represented

Ryan Howard acknowledged the great work that was carried out by Sharon & her team and queried if our ageing population has been addressed in the plan and also queried if there was any reference to community's access to nature & wellbeing and requested that it be referred to in the Plan.

Mary O'Leary also thanked Sharon and her team for their interesting work, mentioned the number of submissions and also asked how Sharon and her team engaged with the young people.

Sharon responded to Cllr. Marica Dalton, Ryan Howard & Mary O'Leary queries as follows:

- The elderly and ageing population are a key consideration of the LECP and the objectives have been included to enable people of all ages to live a vibrant & active lives, participate in lifelong learning and have improved options in terms of suitable transport. She agreed that the elderly have much to contribute to the community and this is reflected in the plan.
- As for the number of submissions Sharon mentioned that a variety of consultation methods were used and promoted during the consultations process including in person and online consultation events. She said that everyone who wanted to get involved and make a submission was given the opportunity to do so. She said that the submissions that were received made a valuable contribution to the plan.
- Sharon stated that there are a number of objectives relating to nature and wellbeing in the LECP including community facilities.
- Sharon confirmed that the advisory group was made up of key stakeholders such as Enterprise Ireland, MTU, LEO, PPN, Southern Region Assembly as well as a range of other stakeholders. Sharon mentioned that there were representatives from Comhairle na nOg at each of the in-person consultations events. They also made a written submission and it was great to get their input. Sharon confirmed that the Chairpersons of each of the three LCDCs are on the Advisory Group.

Cllr. Marcia Dalton thanked Sharon again and queried if there are specific goals on biodiversity and asked if the list of the advisory group members can be circulated, Sharon agreed to circulate the list and confirmed that an objective relating to biodiversity is included in High Level Goals 4 and that specific projects will be included at implementation plan stage.

The Chair thanked Sharon and her team again for their work and their detailed presentation.

4. Update on LEADER Programme

In relation to the next LEADER Programme 2023-2028, the Chief Officer confirmed that the Local Development Strategy for South Cork LCDC was submitted in July and that we are currently awaiting the outcome from the Department as there are competing bids in the South Cork area. In addition, she informed the LCDC that the first two LAGs – Carlow and Tipperary – were confirmed on 30th August to comply with EU Guidelines.

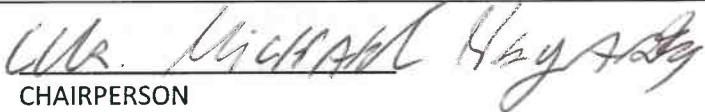
5. Any Other Business

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6. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 26th October 2023.

Meeting Concluded

Signed:	 CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>26/10/23</u>