

**Minutes of
North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Via Microsoft Teams**

18th September 2023 @ 2.00p.m.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Pat Hayes	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gearóid Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Kevin Morey	Acting Divisional Manager North Cork	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	LEO North Cork	Public
Ms. Nuala Glanton	Cork Education & Training Board	Public
Mr. Michael Doyle	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Pdraig Casey	Ballyhoura Development CLG	Private
Ms. Maura Walsh	IRD Duhallow CLG	Private

Apologies:

Cllr. Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Bob Seward	Cork County PPN	Private
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	Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Public

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

Quorum=10 (50% of 17 rounded up + 1 = 10)

In attendance= 10 (4 Private: 6 Public)

Apologies= 7

Total membership= 17

Welcome and Introduction

The Chair, Cllr. Pat Hayes welcomed Interim Divisional Manager for North Cork Kevin Morey to the LAG. He also welcomed Loraine Lynch who will be taking up the role of Interim Divisional Manager for North Cork in October 2023.

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

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of Monday 17th July 2023

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Kevin Curran and seconded by Cllr. Bernard Moynihan

Matters arising

None.

2. SICAP

- SICAP Sub Contracts 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 (1 No.)

Action to be Sub-contracted (include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1:	
• Action 3 Civic Engagement	
o Mitchelstown Urban Nature Walk	€100.00
Total Goal 1	€100.00
Goal 2:	
• Action 10 Ballyhoura Rural Employment Supports	
o Safe Pass Course	€2,000
Total Goal 2	€2,000
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	€2,100.00

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.

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 outlining several proposed amendments to the High Level Goals in the draft LECP following the public consultation period.

The Chair, Cllr. Pat Hayes thanked Sharon O’Connell for the presentation. He said that he attended the recent Advisory Group meeting held on 8th September and commented that it was good to see the ideas from this feed into the plan.

Cllr. Gearóid Murphy also thanked Sharon O’Connell for the presentation and confirmed that he had attended the recent Advisory Group Meeting as Chair of the Economic SPC held on 8th September. He offered 2 queries:

1. A small amendment of wording regarding High Level Goal 2.
 2. The addition of a focus on trades and training tradespeople under High Level Goal 4.
- He acknowledged that this might be sufficiently covered under High Level Goal 5.

Sharon O’Connell agreed to the proposed amendment of wording in High Level Goal 2. She confirmed that trades and training tradespeople is covered under High Level Goal 5.

Nuala Glanton said that it was an impressive presentation but questioned the removal of the term “disability” in case this had a negative impact on inclusion for individuals with disabilities. Sharon O’Connell confirmed that this had come up at the recent workshop and that the term “all abilities” represents the most up to date language in this area.

Nuala Glanton promoted the CETB’s opening of its retrofitted Near Zero Energy Building in Bishopstown in May as a training facility. Sharon O’Connell thanked Nuala for this information.

Sean Hegarty thanked Sharon O’Connell for the presentation. He commented that training of volunteers being undertaken by Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG is having a possible effect and will hopefully lead to an uptake in volunteerism in North Cork. He stressed that collaboration is essential for success in local communities. Sharon O’Connell agreed and said that bringing stakeholders together is at the heart of the LECP.

The Chair, Cllr, Pat Hayes outlined the importance of addressing climate change and said that small changes can make a big difference in communities.

The North Cork LCDC approval of amendments to the LECP following public consultation on the High Level Goals were proposed by Sean Hegarty and seconded by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy.

4. Update on LEADER Programme

The Chief Officer noted that a recent Government Circular has made the following amendments to the current LEADER Programme:

- New projects from decommitments can be brought for LAG approval up to 31st December 2023 and the completion date for all projects has been extended to 31st March 2024. The 31st June 2024 is the deadline to complete all claims.

In relation to the next LEADER Programme 2023-2028, the Chief Officer confirmed that the Local Development Strategy for North Cork LCDC was submitted in July and that we are currently awaiting the outcome from the Department as there are competing bids in the North 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.

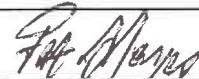
5. Any Other Business

N/A

6. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is 16th October 2023.

Meeting Concluded

Signed:	 <hr/> CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	