

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

19th February 2024 @ 2.00p.m.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Pat Hayes	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gearóid Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Kevin Morey	Interim Divisional Manager North Cork	Public
Ms. Nuala Glanton	Cork Education & Training Board	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	LEO North Cork	Public
Ms. Denise Brosnan	Dept. of Employment Affairs and Social Protection	Public
Mr. Michael Doyle	Environment Pillar	Private
Ms. Muara Walsh	IRD Duhallow CLG	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondu Blackwater Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Pdraig Casey	Ballyhoura Development CLG	Private
Mr. Bob Seward	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Denis McNamara	Cork County PPN	Private

Apologies:

Mr. Declan O'Leary	Foróige	Private
Mr. Julian O'Keefe	IFA (ICMSA)	Private
Vacant	Respond! Housing	Private

Staff in Attendance:

Ms. Kay Keegan	LCDC Chief Officer	Cork County Council
Ms. Elaine Connolly	Clerical Officer	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum=10 (50% of 17 rounded up + 1 = 10) In attendance= 14 (8 Private: 6 Public) Apologies= 3 Total membership= 17</p>

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 Monday 18th December 2023

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Sean Hegarty.

Matters arising

None.

2. LECP Update on Draft Framework Plan & Draft Initial Implementation Plan

Sharon O'Connell presented an update of the LECP Draft Framework Plan and Draft Initial Implementation Plan to the members of the Local Community Development Committee and identified amendments following consultation with the Southern Regional Assembly and the 8 Municipal Districts. It was proposed by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy and seconded by Cllr Gerard Murphy.

- Cllr. Pat Hayes thanked Sharon O'Connell and her team for their amazing work and time with putting this together and note that it is important and critical for both now and the future and that the formulation and engagement with this was positive.
- Cllr Gearóid Murphy echoed the words of Cllr. Pat Hayes, thanked Sharon and the LECP team for their work in consulting with stakeholders, the LCDC's, Economic & Enterprise SPC's and LECP Advisory Group.
Cllr Gearoid Murphy queried if the LECP Advisory Group will be continuing to meet up during the implementation stage.

Sharon O'Connell responded that the Advisory Group will continue to meet as this is the key principle for successful implementation.

- Cllr. Gerard Murphy acknowledged the work of Sharon and her team and noted that the information contained in the LECP will be used by everyone to identify needs of every area of the county especially in the disadvantaged areas. He highlighted that even though the County is doing well in some areas there are particular areas of disadvantage which he hopes won't be forgotten when it comes to funding.
- Nuala Glanton noted that the Socio-Economic element of the LECP was very useful and queried why the Education Training Board wasn't mentioned when other

education providers were mentioned as the ETB would have similar high level goals as those education providers and actions would overlap.

Sharon O' Connell responded by stating that Cork County could have had 3 LECPs due to the various challenges & issues throughout the county and People & Places have extensive data to support this however, the High level goals are broad enough to support all areas and Stakeholders when making funding applications. She added that the Implementation Plan is a live document so can be amended as things change and she would welcome any additional feedback from the CETB however, it was clarified that the CETB are represented on the Advisory Committee so would have had the opportunity to feed into the current plans.

3. Presentation on Census 2022 Data for Cork County – Justin Gleeson, People & Place

Justin Gleeson from People & Places Consultants gave a very comprehensive presentation on the 2022 Census data to the North Cork Local Community Development Committee with particular focus on the North Cork division.

- Cllr Pat Hayes thanked Justin for his comprehensive and interesting presentation that had incredible facts and figures which will be shared with all LCDC members.
- Cllr. Gerard Murphy mentioned that Kanturk and Mallow are two very different electoral areas however, as they are combined as an electoral area the facts are not showing the true makeup of both areas.
- Cllr. Gearóid Murphy supported Cllr. Gerard Murphy's statement and added he was concerned that Buttrvant being the smallest town is seen as the only disadvantaged town in the North Cork area.

Justin responded this by saying that there is additional extensive data available when you drill down further but unfortunately the LECP can only show so much information in order to get discussions started.

- Cllr. Pat Hayes mentioned that Mallow used to be the hub for food production but has lost these industries resulting in less focus on the town centre.
- Sean Hegarty noted that villages need to buy into this whole process as well as many skills have been lost.

- The Chief Officer thanked Justin for his presentation.

4. Healthy Ireland Fund Update – Niall O’Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator

Niall O’Callaghan, Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator provided the North Cork Local Community Development Committee with an update on Healthy Ireland Round 4 Fund. This presentation included the key outcomes of round 4 Healthy Ireland Fund which were Breastfeeding Support and Positive Mental Health Projects. Niall O’Callaghan mentioned he worked along with many partners such as Muintir na Tire, HSE, UCC, chambers in Mallow and Midleton to make these key outcomes possible.

Niall O’Callaghan highlighted that he had close engagement with the LECP Advisory Group.

- Cllr. Pat Hayes thanked Niall O’Callaghan for his detailed report and update.
- Cllr. Gearóid Murphy mentioned that it is good to see the emphasis on mental health programmes and work being done.
- Nuala Glanton had a query about the date for the youth event in Mallow. Niall responded that no date has been finalised yet and that he will notify the LCDDC members when a date is available.

5. SICAP Sub Contracts

As previously agreed by LCDDC members, 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 LCDDC meeting for noting. The following approvals were granted since the last meeting.

- Avondhu Blackwater Partnership CLG Sub-Contracting of Services Approval for Lot 18.3

Action to be Sub-contracted (include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1:	
Goal 2: 2.1 Promote personal development and wellbeing – Ukrainian Personal Development Course- 8 week programme (Gosia Treska)	€1330
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	€1330

- Ballyhoura Development CLG Sub-Contracting of Services Approval for Lot 18.2

Action to be Sub-contracted (include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1:	€
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Total Goal 1	
Goal 2:	
• Action 11: Reigniting Rural Enterprise	€200.00
○ Women’s Rural Entrepreneurial Networking Session: 1 Hour Business Workshop Expanding Your Customer Base in 2024 by attracting new customers with Lifeline Business Marian McDonald	€200.00
Total Goal 2	
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	€200.00

6. LCDC Annual Report 2023

Chief Officer presented the 2023 North Cork LCDC Annual Report for approval in compliance with the LCDC Guidelines. She informed the committee that once approved, it will go to Full Council in March.

The North Cork Local Community Development Annual Report for 2023 was proposed by Cllr. Gerard Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Gearóid Murphy.

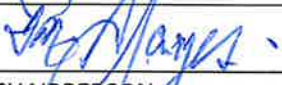
7. Any Other Business

- The Chief Officer reminded the LCDC that the closing date for applications for the Local Enhancement Programme 2024 and the Women’s Group Fund 2024 is 3pm on the 26th February 2024.
- The Chief Officer reminded the LCDC that the closing date for applications for the Community Climate Action Programme Strand 1 is the 6th March 2024.
- Nuala Glanton mentioned that Mayor Frank O’Flynn is launching a Cork ETB Active Citizenship Programme in County Hall on Friday 23rd February 2024. This is an online programme that will be available to the general public that has the purpose of raising awareness of the importance of voting and explaining how register to vote.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date for the next meeting is Tuesday 19th March 2024, due to Monday being a Bank Holiday.

The meeting concluded.

Signed:	 _____ CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>19/03/24</u>