

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
17th April, 2023 at 10.00 a.m. in Cabragh Wetlands Trust, Thurles.**

Present:

Public Sector: Joe MacGrath (TCC), Cllr John Carroll (TCC), Donal Mullane (Teagasc) **(3)**

Private Sector: Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Michael Murray (NTDC), Julie O'Halloran (PPN), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar) **(5)**

Apologies: Cllr Declan Burgess (TCC), Michael Geary (PPN), Mike Edwards (PPN), Gearoid O'Foighil (PPN), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Pat Carroll (IFA), Cllr Joe Hannigan (TCC), Adrian Cunneen (DEASP), Derval Howley (HSE)

In Attendance: Brian Beck, (Chief Officer), Margo Hayes (TCC), Marie Cox (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC)

1.	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u> The meeting was opened and all were welcomed. Eoin began the meeting by congratulating Joe MacGrath on receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award 2023 from the Local Authority Members Association.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum As a quorum hasn't been achieved the meeting progressed and decisions will be made at a further date.</p> <p>1.2 Conflict of Interest Conflict of Interest would be declared as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions None.</p> <p>1.4 Ethics Documents Members are requested to return their completed Ethics Documents forms for 2022. Margo indicated that she will be in touch with members who have not returned their completed documents.</p>
2.	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
3.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 20th March 2023 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u></p>

The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 20th March 2023 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by John O'Shaughnessy.

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4.1 LEADER

4.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

There were no projects to present to this month's meeting.

4.2 STDC CEO Report (Decision)

There were no projects to present to this month's meeting.

4.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)

Michael Murray outlined the details for the extension as follows:

Apr-23				
Project Extension Requests				
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	Contract Extension Request	Reason
30LDRNTP116930	Genos Resources PLC Analysis & Development	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	The Promoter has requested an extension to the 30th of June 2023 - their Contract expired on the 31st of December 2022 - they have confirmed that no expenditure has taken place between 1st January 2023 to date - slight amendments required to final study.

Councillor John Carroll indicated that he would propose this extension subject to the agreement of the LCDC, this was seconded by Joe MacGrath.

With the written decisions 11 LCDC members approved the above with the balance in favour of the Private (i.e. 6 Private members and 5 Public).

4.4 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)

Marie Cox informed the meeting that there were no changes to the LEADER Income and Expenditure report presented at the March meeting. The April LEADER Report was approved on the proposal of John O'Shaughnessy seconded by Cllr John Carroll.

4.5 A.O.B.

NTDC requested approval for changes to 30LDRntp116176 Gortagarry Cottage renovation as follows

	<p>1. Kitchen Worktop - he is requesting a change to the type of material used for the kitchen worktop. His architect has recommended using a more durable, sustainable, and hygienic worktop. As a result, Eamonn have re-evaluated his options and would now like to proceed with a Quartz worktop. This will cost an additional €400 but the promoter, Eamonn Quigley, is willing to cover the additional cost of this. Explanatory email from the Architect provided. Eamonn is seeking LCDC approval for this change.</p> <p>2. Mezzanine Change to Bedroom. As previously advised to LEADER, the Engineer, PJ Brett, instructed that the promoter had to change the structure of the roof internally and infill the mezzanine over the kitchen to support the roof. Now that the mezzanine has been infilled, it is requested to change this into a bedroom. Please note there are no planning implications to this as it is an internal alteration. The cost of changing the floor area is nil by the Carpenter. Eamonn is seeking LCDC approval for this change.</p> <p>3. Furniture Package. With an extra bedroom now in the property, the furniture package needs to be updated to accommodate more occupants in the property. The promoter has sent out a new furniture package to the original three tenderers. Two suppliers quoted for the job, Ger Gavins €17,750 (incl VAT) Upstairs Downstairs €18,376 (incl VAT). Ger Gavins are again the most economically advantageous supplier and the promoter is seeking to go with them for the tender. The promoter, Eamonn Quigley, is willing to cover the additional cost of the revised furniture package. Eamonn is seeking LCDC approval for this change</p> <p>Supporting docs re procurement, carpenter letter, architects' letter is in order and on file with NTDC. M Murray to provide clarification regarding planning for the mezzanine requirements and confirm in order.</p> <p>John O'Shaughnessy indicated that he would propose this change subject to the agreement of the LCDC, this was seconded by Councillor John Carroll.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>LEADER 2023-2029</p> <p>Local Development Strategy (LDS) Update</p> <p>Marie Cox gave the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a draft of sections of the Local Development Strategy is due to Poba by 28th of April for feedback on these sections • Exodea Consultants are working with the council team, LCDC, STDC and NTDC to write the strategy based on the feedback from public consultations, relevant EU, National, Regional & County policies and CSO data among other information • Following on from our recent hugely successful public consultation meetings on the new LEADER Programme across the county (and three online sessions) – there is now have an opportunity to have

	<p>your say by completing the questionnaire below. Whether you were able to join us at the meetings or not, this is your opportunity to give your views in several key areas and we would appreciate if you could please take the time to fully complete the survey.</p> <p>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFPL3HV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written submissions can be directly to Marie Cox, email to marie.cox@tipperarycoco.ie • She looked for a sub group of 3 to 4 people to comment on what's in the report – Eoin Wolohan, Cllr John Carroll, John O'Shaughnessy and Julie O'Halloran agreed to be on the sub group. • There will be a workshop meeting for the LCDC in May/June, date to be agreed • She said that she would review the standing orders as they may need to be updated and will circulated the details to the committee. <p>Michael Murray agreed that good progress has been made and said that his board would like to be involved in the priority areas.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) Update</p> <p>Margo indicated that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the LECP Advisory Group is in place and will be chaired by Charles Stanley Smith • it has been agreed to invite representatives from Climate Action, Planning and the 2 CEOs of the Local Development Companies to the Advisory group. • the High-Level Goals have been agreed and the group will also take information from the LEADER consultation meetings • the spec has been agreed for the tender and will be advertised shortly • the Advisory Group want to get buy-in from the delivery agencies at this stage so it was agreed that the CEO would write to the other agencies involved to agree this buy-in. <p>Brian Beck added that this will be a slimmed down document and will only include the agreed collaborative actions.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Biodiversity, Climate Change and environmentally sustainable considerations for applications</p> <p>This item is deferred until the next meeting.</p> <p>Margo told the meeting that the Council has appointed Claire Lee as the Climate Action Co-Ordinator for the county. It was agreed to invite her to a future meeting.</p> <p>Donal Mullane said that Teagasc have appointed 2 new Climate Advisors for the County, they will be involved in doing individual farm plans. He added that all their staff will have a role in climate change.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Quality of Life</p>

8.1 Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025 and Local Strategy and 2023 Action Plan

Fiona gave her update as follows:

- Returns for HIF 2022 submitted end of February 2022. Audit of 2022 Actions Completed. Advised Thursday 13th balance 20% pay over of funding in respect of 2022
- Application in respect of 2023-2025 submitted on 27th of January. Notice from Pobal on 12 April " While it is best to wait for formal approval of your strategy and plans, we understand that some activities for 2023 are time sensitive (e.g. purchasing of seeds for food growing projects) and therefore can proceed to implementation. However, payments should not be made or processed until after you receive full notification of approval of your application from Pobal and that communication in relation to the plan and application would be achieved in the coming weeks".
- 75,000 committed for 2023 and 40,000 for 2024 and 2025
- New Interim steering group in place and terms of reference agreed at the last meeting on the 30th of March
- Group will meet on a quarterly basis
- South East Regional Healthy Ireland Group meeting this Wednesday to agree potential collaborative actions

8.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel Update

Fiona gave her update as follows:

- Continuing development with Oldbridge Residents group on regeneration of vacant site into a usable community area.
- LDO formed links with Marlfield Residents group who would like to develop a community meeting space, group are currently scoping a suitable location in Marlfield.
- Quality of Life Alliance for Clonmel BD is taking place 17.04.23 and this is the forming meeting of this group.
- This will be the oversight structure for SHCP moving forward.
- Substance Misuse will be the first working group meeting.
- This will be a priority focus area of SHCP for 2023.
- Through the Inclusive Social Network developed in 2022, there are plans to develop a train the trainer training for Inclusive Universal Access and Disability Awareness Training in partnership with Tipperary Volunteer Centre and the Disability Officer in the HSE South Tipperary, Healthy Ireland and Tipperary Age Friendly.
- TUS are currently completing the affirmation cards for the cancer wellbeing project and engaged with cancer support services in Clonmel and Tipperary Town for the initiative.

8.3 Tipperary Older Peoples Council & Age Friendly

Fiona gave her update as follows:

- Tipperary Older Peoples Council Executive meeting 18th April
- Age Friendly support Bealtaine events in May
- Launch of Back in My Day Volume 2 on 9th May
- National Dementia Conference 25th May – showcase Tipperary Community Champions
- 16th May proposed information event at Stannix Homes Thurles
- Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO event in TUS College 22nd June
- Martin Quinn arranging 2nd Regional Stroke Conference in Clonmel Park Hotel on 26th June
- Working with Irish Hospice Foundation to arrange a series of Putting your house in order workshops, dates when agreed will be circulated

8.4 Ukrainian Health and Wellbeing Fund

Marie told the meeting that the €19,000 fund has had a huge impact and she will bring a report on it to the May Meeting.

She added that the monthly meetings chaired by Joe MacGrath are continuing and there is a huge amount of work in this area.

Joe MacGrath said that the meetings were very detailed and reported on what is happening on the ground. He indicated that there is a shift in attitude from the Ukrainian Community about their length of stay. He added that there are bottlenecks in areas such as education and medical but are working to overcome these. There is a focus on enhancing the level of integration.

8.5 Period Poverty Scheme 2023

Fiona gave her update as follows;

- Tipperary County Council have achieved a grant of €10,000 for 2023
- Review of the 2022 funding, including testimonials from partners is underway
- Recommendation for 2023 rollout will be brought to the May LCDC

9. Diverse Tipperary Integration Strategy

Margo update the meeting on this 3-year strategy as follows:

- There was over 70 people interviewed which included Ukrainians, Roma, Healthcare, Polish and Direct Provision
- It is difficult to draw up an action plan to address the needs of so many diverse groups
- The focus is on 8 areas of need as follows;
 - Supporting education and language
 - Promote Integration
 - Increasing awareness of multi-culturalism through training
 - Celebrating diversity
 - Promote multi-culturalism through sport

- Challenging racism and discrimination
- Including in decision making committees and groups
- Targeted support for the most marginalised
- There is a lot of work being done, need to look at what is not being done and focus on the gaps
- Africa Day will be held on 25th May

Councillor John Carroll highlighted the language barrier as an issue and would like to see progress in this area. Julie said that it would be good to have reps on this and other forums.

10. Funding Updates

10.1 Community Support Fund Update

Marie informed the meeting that the report was submitted to the Dept on 31st March as requested and a response is awaited to progress this fund and inform the successful applicants.

10.2 Community Recognition Fund

Marie informed the meeting that the DRCD have not released the fund approval as yet, it is expected over the next few weeks. One query was responded to and there are no further updates.

10.3 CLAR

Mairead Ryan gave an update on the Clár scheme as follows

- 2023 Scheme which is targeted funding for rural areas located in designated Clár areas includes funding under 3 measures
 - Measure 1 – Developing Community Facilities and Amenities
 - Applications for this measure are to Tipperary County Council
 - Closing date for Expressions of Interest is 27th April at 4.30pm
 - 15 successful applicants will be notified on 9th May and invited to make a full application by 25th May
 - Applications to be in DRCD by 6th June
 - All information is on the Council’s website and circulated through the PPN
 - Measure 2 – Mobility, Cancer Care and Community First Responders Transport
 - Applications directly to DRCD by 12th May
 - Measure 3 - Our Islands
 - Applications directly to DRCD by 6th June

10.4 Town and Village Renewal (TVR)– Building Acquisition Measure

	<p>Margo updated the meeting on the Town and Village Renewal – Building Acquisition Measure as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 3 applications can be submitted for the purchase of vacant derelict properties with a combined maximum value of €500,000 ▪ Transactions must be completed and drawdown by 9th October 2023 ▪ The building must be for community use and form the basis for a future TVR funding or other public funding application ▪ Closing date for applications is 28th April 2023
11.	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>None</p>
12.	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p>Cllr John Carroll asked if any funding/pilot scheme could be considered for the clean-up of our smaller rivers. Isobel indicated that they had provided training for river management and there will be learnings from the River Nore project in Kilkenny. It was also indicated that the Local Authorities Water Programme (LAWPRO) may be of assistance.</p>
13.	<p><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></p> <p>Monday 15th May 2023 via Zoom.</p>

Signed: Eoin Wolahan **Date:** 17th May 2023
Eoin Wolahan
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed: Brian Beck **Date:** 23.5.2023
Brian Beck
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee