

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
19th December, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. at Horse and Jockey Hotel Thurles and
Zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Brian Beck (Chief Officer), Cllr John Carroll (TCC), Cllr Declan Burgess (TCC), Cllr Joe Hannigan, Adrian Cunneen (DEASP), Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Pat Carroll (IFA)

Private Sector: Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Sector), Mike Edwards (PPN), Julie O'Halloran (PPN), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Gearoid O'Foighil (PPN), Michael Geary (PPN)

Apologies: Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC), Colin Cummins (TETB), Derval Howley (HSE), John O'Shaughnessy

In Attendance: Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC), Marie Cox (TCC), Aine Roche (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Cliona Tobin (TCC), Mairead Winters (TCC)

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u> The meeting was opened and all were welcomed. Eoin welcomed new members Brian Beck Chief Officer and Michael Geary PPN representative to the Committee and a round of introductions were given.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum Margo confirmed a quorum had been achieved.</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 fill in and return the Ethics Documents forms for 2022.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 21st November 2022 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 21st November 2022 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Derry O'Donnell.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><u>SICAP End of Year Review</u> Margo updated the Committee on the Budgets for the year and stated the subgroup will meet after Christmas for the end of year review. Annual Plans need to be finalised by 13th January and will be brought to LCDC for approval.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>5.1 LEADER</u> 5.1 Budget realignment of Themes</p>

The LEADER Income and Expenditure report for December 2022 was presented by Fiona Crotty. This report reflected the original budget that was available under the Transitional and EURI Budget, the original budget disbursement, de committals from the previous LEADER budget and the final thematic Budget Position across the 3 thematic areas. This reflected all funds utilised and committed to projects, including those for decision today, with a final remaining budget of €2419 on Transitional and €6 on EURI budget which reflects on all the activity of the project promoters and staff of the LDC to advance projects for consideration by the LCDC.

It was important to note the final budgets and thematic distribution before projects were considered at the meeting today.

It was also noted that the DRCD had advised that the cooperation budget was fully exhausted and no further projects could be submitted for consideration.

The report was noted and approved on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Derry O'Donnell.

5.2 STDC CEO Report (Decision)

Isabel Cambie briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects and then outlined the details of the following STDC projects to the members: -

Project Code:	30LDRSTP118265
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Tourism Clg
Description:	Littleton Labryinth Design Project: to design an overall brand identity, themes for each of the loops, trail maps and interpretive signage. Littleton Labyrinth will be a new tourism product within Tipperary and Irelands Ancient East and will leverage the strong heritage of the local area, and the biodiversity on the old peat harvesting sites.
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development and Job Creation
Sub Theme:	Rural Tourism
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€18,450.00
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	This project meets Aim C and Priority 1 i.e. "Support job creation, entrepreneurship, enterprise development and innovation in a post-COVID-19 and/or post-Brexit environment. " "Supports to rural businesses seeking to reach new markets, expand, innovate and/or diversify in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic "as it seeks to develop this new tourism product on the former boglands and adjoining areas. Once established the Labyrinth will add value to businesses in the hinterland.
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS.	N/A – Transitional Project

(Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€24,600.00) = €18,450.00
Proposed by:	Julie O'Halloran
Seconded by:	CIlr Declan Burgess
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP118278
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Michael Tobin
Description:	Feasibility Study for Hydroelectric generation at Glenbower Mill. The promoter, a farmer, has a longer-term plan to diversify by developing a tourist outlet onsite incorporating the restored mill and powered by it.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Renewable Energy
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€6,918.75
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	This is a first step in an innovative farm diversification project which will also involve the generation of renewable energy. This project meets Priority 3 and Aim 4 of the Transitional programme i.e. "Support job creation, entrepreneurship, enterprise development and innovation in a post-COVID-19 and/or post-Brexit environment." "Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy."
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€9,225.00) = €6,918.75
Proposed by:	Donal Mullane
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

5.3 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Michael Murray briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects and then outlined the details of the following NTDC projects to the members: -

Project Code:	30LDRNTP117821
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Cabragh Wetlands Development Trust

Description:	EURI Solar Panel Energy Self-Sufficiency Project Cabragh Wetlands - The installation of a solar PV system and battery storage to supply the energy needs to Cabragh Wetlands. As the premier environment education centre in Tipperary, Cabragh Wetlands Trust with this installation will not only meet their energy requirements but will be able to showcase and publicise the use of PV in Tipperary.97
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 9: Development of Renewal Energy. Strategic Action 9.2: Renewable Energy Production
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€13,129.59
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this Programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	Aims: - Promote projects which support communities in a post Covid 19 environment Priorities: - Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€13,129.59) = €9,847.20
Proposed by:	Gearoid O'Foighil
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP118260
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Knockshegowna GAA Club/Community Centre
Description:	Community Hall PV Panel Project - The generation of sustainable energy through environmentally friendly means will enhance the community centre and reduce our carbon footprint. It is envisaged that excess electricity generated from this 6kw PV solar installation will be fed back into the national grid soon where the revenue generated will enable the community to repay the initial investment.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 9: Development of Renewal Energy. Strategic Action 9.2: Renewable Energy Production
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€9,525.00
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A

Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this Programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	Support the new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A – Transitional Project
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€12,700.00) = €9,525.00
Proposed by:	Cllr Declan Burgess
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP118276
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC)
Description:	EURI Training to Use Recycled Materials to Create Herbal Wheels/plots for Biodiversity. - The proposed project will deliver training to 10 care centres/disability centres and to 10 schools across North & South Tipperary. The participants will be trained to create a 2-metre squared herbal plot for biodiversity/pollinators. The 2m squared plot will be created using materials from the Circular Economy. The herbal plot will be enriched by composted waste from the centre of school. The participants will learn about the planting, management, harvesting and use of herbs in healthy eating, as well as the wider benefits to biodiversity. The project will link the participants to creating habitats for biodiversity/pollinators, circular use of materials and community composting. The project will stimulate innovation, care of the environment and interest in the bio and circular economy.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 8: Safeguarding Our Biodiversity. Strategic Action 8.1: Biodiversity Conservation and Management Supports.
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€8,100.00
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme:	Support the new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy

Identify the particular aims and priorities of this Programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A – Transitional Project
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of total project cost (€8,100.00) = €8,100.00
Proposed by:	Gearoid O’Foighil
Seconded by:	Derry O’Donnell
Absenters:	Yes – Michael Murray
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Michael Murray declared a Conflict of Interest for the above project-30LDRNTP118276 and left the meeting for the decision-making process.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP118262
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	National Federation of Group Water Schemes Co-Operative Society Limited (NFGWS)
Description:	Completion of an energy audit pilot and biodiversity action plans for 3 Group Water Schemes in the North Tipperary Area. - To complete an energy audit for 3 GWS (Ardcrony, Moyne and Ash Hill). This would include an assessment of energy efficiency, recommendations on different, more efficient pumps/pumping regimes, reduction of overall demand and increased water conservation (thus reducing strain on our raw water sources) and capacity for the installation of renewable energy sources.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 7: Safeguarding Our Water Resource. Strategic Action 7.1: Water Awareness Training Programme.
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€30,000.00
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this Programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	Support the new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy.
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A – Transitional Project

% level of aid & ceiling:	89.87687% of total project cost (€33,379.00) = €30,000.00
Proposed by:	Cllr Declan Burgess
Seconded by:	Julie O'Halloran
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP118277
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Borrisoleigh Community Centre Ltd.
Description:	Upgrade of Borrisoleigh Community Centre Kitchen - The installation of a commercial style kitchen to help develop a 'Meals on Wheels' service for Borrisoleigh, Newport, Templemore, and the immediate environs. The project includes installing a 3-phase power supply to the centre, associated electrical works, purchase of a combi-oven, gas hob, extractor unit, refrigeration and blast chilling and a variety of other kitchen utensils. The vision of the project is to provide an all-round fully supported 'Meals on Wheels' service providing a community led service dedicated to meeting the nutritional and social needs of older and vulnerable people which will afford the freedoms to live independently.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 5: Basic Services to Hard to Reach Communities. Strategic Action 5.1: To support and enable continuing improve of access to services within the community for all citizens.
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€29,328.28
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this Programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	Promotes projects which support communities in a post C-19 environment
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€39,104.37) = €29,328.28
Proposed by:	Cllr John Carroll
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP117950
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Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Moneygall Development Association clg
Description:	Moneygall Development Association clg - Moneygall Community Centre: To build a community facility with changing rooms and showers, along with meeting rooms and storage areas. The development will service the multi-use area, which is accessible to all local organisations and schools. The meeting rooms will be shared by all local community organisations. The adjoining community garden will also have access to the facilities. The development of this facility will ensure safe clean access to dry indoor facilities i.e. toilets, showers, meeting room and kitchen. THIS IS A COOPERATION PROJECT.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 5: Basic Services for Hard to Reach Communities Strategic Action 5.1.: To support and enable continuing improvement of access to services within the community for all citizens.
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€200,000.00 €164,239.68 (This project was approved for €200,000 grant aid at the November LCDC meeting. Upon submission to DRCD, we were informed that the remaining Cooperation budget available at national level is €164,239.68. The promoter has accessed additional loan finance to ensure that project can go ahead and this new reduced grant award has been approved by DRCD, subject to LAG approval).
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this Programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	Support the new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A – Transitional Project
% level of aid & ceiling:	50.3946% of total project cost (€325,907.56) = €200,00.00 €325,907.56 (Tipperary portion of overall total costs of €606,567.83)
Proposed by:	Derry O'Donnell
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	Yes – Michael Murray
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Michael Murray declared a Conflict of Interest for the above project-30LDRNTP117950 and left the meeting for the decision-making process.

5.4 Leader Extensions (Decision)

LEADER project extension requests granted as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules:-

Extension Requests for Projects to be noted up to 6 months (approved by Chief Officer)						
Project No / Code	Promoter	Project Title	Original Closing Date	Previous Extension to	Extension Requested to	Rationale for Extension
30LDRSTP 116237	Tipperary Town Revitalisation Clg	Design Services for the Plan	31/12/2022		30/06/2023	Further time required for community consultation

Extension Requests for Projects to be approved by LCDC (> 6 months)						
Project No / Code	Promoter	Project Title	Original Closing Date	Previous Extension to	Extension Requested to	Rationale for Extension
30LDRSTP 108043	Camphill Community Grange mockler	Templemichael Farm Accessibility and Yoghurt Facility Project	02/06/2020	31/12/2022	28/02/2023	To cover retention period and final sign off
30LDRSTP 115629	The Tipperary Greenway Project	Tipperary Greenway Feasibility study	01/09/2022	31/12/2022	31/03/2023	The report has been drafted, and consultation meetings will be held in early spring
30LDRSTP 114561	Knockmealdown Active	Shanbally Lake and Woods Feasibility Study	30/06/2022	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	The project was delayed due to COVID
30LDRSTP 114562	Knockmealdown Active	River Tar Blueway Feasibility Study	30/06/2022	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	The project was delayed due to COVID
30LDRSTP 114275	Fethard Regional Community Sport and Recreation Campus Clg	Fethard Town Park	31/01/2022	31/01/2023	30/06/2023	Poor weather stopped autumn planting. To take place in Spring
30LDRSTP 113134	Fethard and Killusty Community Ballroom Clg	Fethard Ballroom Roof Project	31/12/2021	31/12/2022	30/06/2023	To facilitate retention and final sign off

The above project extension requests were approved on the proposal of Donal Mullane seconded by Gearoid O'Foighil.

Dec-22 Project Extension Requests					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	Contract Extension Request	Previous Extension to	Reason

30LDRNTP10 8294	Killaloe Sailing Club Limited	31/12/2021	30/11/2023	30/04/2023	<p>We have experienced numerous delays with our project due to Covid, supply chain issues and Brexit. The contract was started in July 2021 and was due to take 6 months – but here we are, 18 months later, and still not completed. We are getting closer and the ‘Practical Completion’ certificate was issued by our Consulting Engineers in October. This means that the 12-month retention period will be up in October 2023 and that is when our we will make our final payment to the contractor. On this basis, we would like to apply for a payment extension from the current date of April 2023 to 30th November 2023. This will provide time for Syl O’Connor to invoice us for the retention amount, for us to pay him and to then make our claim to you.</p>
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The above project extension requests were approved on the proposal of Donal Mullane seconded by Derry O’Donnell.

5.5. To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)

The LEADER Income and Expenditure report for December 2022 was presented by Fiona Crotty and approved at item 5.1.

5.6 A.O.B.

a. NTDC requested Procurement Change Approval for the following projects:-

30LDRntp116189 - Fuchsia Lane Farm – Games Room

Subsequent to the procurement changes approved by the LAG at the Nov 2022 LCDC meeting with regard to the trimmer and the bean bags.

When the promoter went to purchase the trimmer (€160.04), it was no longer available from the supplier. The promoter has now sought 3 new quotations (as per RDP OR v4 Procurement rules) for a near similar Makita model and the cheapest quote is from Screwfix at €208.95. The promoter is now seeking approval for this change of supplier and for permission to transfer some of the savings (€168) from the beanbags to the extra cost (€88.95) of the Makita trimmer over the original. The €88.95 extra trimmer cost to be shifted between elements from bean bags to trimmer is <5% of the overall total project cost of €74,597.19 allowed (as per the RDP OR v4).

30LDRntp117631 - Lough Derg Yacht Club (Works to Improve Access for People with Disability).

Request to have the change of crane hoist manufacturer from Roodberg to Pelloby that will be supplied/sourced by the original successful tenderer Beacon Developments, noted at the next September LCDC. This was approved by the LAG at the Sept 2022 meeting.

Request to have the change of crane hoist manufacturer from Pelloby to Prolift that will be supplied/sourced by the original successful tenderer Beacon Developments, noted at the next December LCDC. There is no change to the RDP grant or percentage rate.

Both projects had changes already approved by LCDC and now additional changes to overcome same require approval.

Procurement changes noted and approved on the proposal of Gearoid O'Foighil seconded by Derry O'Donnell.

b. Leader 2023-2027 EOI

Margo updated on the Leader 2023-2027 Expressions of Interest application prepared in conjunction with NTDC and STDC. The Department will review and an independent evaluation group will review submissions. The first LAG has to be in place by August 2023.

c. Amendment to 21st December, 2020 LCDC Minutes resulting from claim inspection on the Fethard Town Park File 30STPLDR114275

Further to an Audit on the Fethard Town Park File 30STPLDR114275 a typo on the absenter for conflict of interest was amended and the minutes of the 21st December 2020 LCDC were re-signed to reflect same.

This amendment was approved on the proposed by Derry O'Donnell seconded by Cllr John Carroll.

d. Circular 03/2022

Marie outlined that circular 03/2022 was received on the 9th December outlining the administration arrangements and financial contribution to the 31st December 2023 in respect of the administration of the LEADER 2014-2022. The circular also outlined that an extension for project approvals, with the deadline for project approval including the reallocation of funding that has been decommitted has been extended to 31st August 2023, and that all projects must be completed by 31st December 2023 and claims no later than 30th June 2024.

6. Quality of Life

Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025

Aine provided an update in relation to the actions for HIF Round 4 2022. She thanked the Steering Group for all their work. She noted the guidelines have changed for the preparation of the strategy for the next 3 years and outlined the geographical areas for concentration for the implementation of the next phase of Strand 4 2023 to 2025, and the rational for these areas for selection. A workshop was held on the 12th December with relevant stakeholders and a follow up workshop will take place on the 9th of January with the action plan and implementation plan to be submitted by the 27th January.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities

Fiona gave an update on Healthy Communities Clonmel – Sláintecare Healthy Communities was formally launched at Hillview Sports Club on Tuesday 29th November by Minister Frank Feighan. At the event the plans for Suir Island reflecting the capital investment provided by Healthy Communities and matched by TCC were showcased. The current seed funding projects including Inclusive Social network, consultation with Children and Young People, Cancer Care Support and Home Energy Assessment project. The local generation

	<p>project for the Old Bridge was deferred to 2023 to conclude community consultation and engagement.</p> <p>Period & Hygiene Poverty</p> <p>Fiona provided an update in relation to Period and Hygiene Poverty. Tipperary County Council has received an initial grant of €10,000 from Department of Health and we then achieved an additional €13,000, supported from Community Activities Funding and also Tipperary County Council yielding a total fund of €32,000.</p> <p>This will deliver 750 hygiene packs which will be distributed through family and community resource centers, Age Friendly Roscrea and the Local Development companies. The library network in the county will also host the period poverty distribution</p> <p>Tipperary Age Friendly</p> <p>Fiona updated on Tipperary Age Friendly and informed the Committee that a workshop was held with Alliance partners on 2nd December, facilitated by Harriet Emmerson, to review the objectives of the last Age Friendly Strategy and also to review the thematic actions. A second work shop will be held on the 19th January to agree actions for 2023. The objectives of Tipperary Age Friendly will be reflected in the LECP</p> <p>Tipperary Age Friendly aim to host a Older Peoples Council AGM and information day in Thurles the week of 23rd January 2023. This workshop will focus on housing supports and energy management with Tipperary County Council housing supports, SEAI and Energy Communities Tipperary Cooperative. When this is finalized information will be circulated to all members.</p> <p>Ukrainian Health and Wellbeing Fund</p> <p>Marie updated on the Ukrainian Health and Wellbeing Fund - the Arts Office provide 4 session programmes or Music/Arts in 3 locations. NTDC to provide a range of seasonal workshops and other interventions. STDC to work with Dundrum AC & local GAA to fund equipment for individuals in Dundrum to engage with these clubs.</p>
7.	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>Margo updated on the LECP stating the Advisory Group have agreed the high-level goals that have been identified and compiled the data for the Socio-Economic Statement. Consultation process will begin early next year and they aim to make it as assessible a possible so they can see where they want to see Tipperary going in the next 6 years. The Advisory Group will meet again on 13th January, 2023.</p>
8.	<p><u>Grants</u></p> <p><u>Community Activities Fund 2022 2023</u></p> <p>Marie updated on the Community Activities Fund stating groups can apply from early January 2023 via an on-line process. 'Submit' is the portal used for on line applications and all details of applications and status of application will be available on this portal. Supports are available for those who need it for on line applications.</p> <p><u>Non LCDC Grants – Town & Village, ORIS, CLAR 2022</u></p> <p>Mairead updated on the Town & Village, ORIS and CLAR 2022 schemes stating 7 projects were funded in 2022 under the Town & Village Renewal Scheme.</p>
9.	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p>Margo informed the Committee that the Migrant Strategy has just been published and was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The LCDC are developing a more diverse Tipperary and 70 migrants were completed a questionnaire on line and in person to contribute to the Strategy. Margo asked the LCDC to look at the actions in the Strategy. A formal launch of the Strategy will be in January/February 2023.</p>

	Eoin thanked the LCDC for their attendance and participation in the meeting and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas. Gearoid thanked all the LEADER and County Council staff. Cllr John Carroll sympathised with Margo Hayes on the passing of her father.
10.	<u>Date and form of next meetings</u> Monday 16 th January 2023 via Zoom.

Signed: Eoin Wolahan **Date:** 16.01.2023
Eoin Wolahan
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed: Brian Beck **Date:** 18.1.2023
Brian Beck
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee