

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 in Horse and Jockey Hotel, Horse and Jockey, Co. Tipperary.**

**Present:**

**Public Sector:** Cllr John Carroll (Chair), Cllr Declan Burgess, Cllr Joe Hannigan, Karl Cashen (TCC), Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Adrian Cunneen (DEASP), Anthony Fitzgerald (LEO) **(7)**

**Private Sector:** Isabel Cambie (STDC), Michael Murray (NTDC), Charles Stanley Smith (PPN), Martin Quinn (PPN), Eoin Wolahan (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN), John Lupton (PPN), Cora Horgan (PPN) **(8)**

**Apologies:**

**Private Sector:** Imelda Walsh (IFA), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar)

**Public Sector:** Bernadette Cullen (Tipperary ETB)

**In Attendance:** Pat Slattery (TCC, Chief Officer), Shane O'Dwyer (TCC), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC) Paul Devane (TCC)

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></b>          John Carroll (Chair) opened that meeting and welcomed Karl Cashen to his first meeting of the LCDC.</p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b>          Margo Hayes confirmed that a quorum had been achieved to proceed with the meeting.</p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest</b>          John Carroll (Chair) advised the members that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded. Margo Hayes took the opportunity to clarify the position on members declaring conflicts of interest. She reminded members that they all had signed declarations. She stated that a member of the committee should only declare a conflict of interest if the members has actual knowledge that she/he or a connected person has a pecuniary or other beneficial interest.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision</b>          None arising</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u></b>          The draft agenda was approved.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes</u></b>          Isabel Cambie asked that the minutes of the LCDC meeting held on</p>

October the 21<sup>st</sup> be amended. She said that the announcement that Tipperary was one of ten successful LAGS in the country to receive an additional €500,000 LEADER funding was not noted. This amendment was agreed. The draft minutes were subsequently agreed on the proposal of Eoin Wolohan and seconded by Isabel Cambie.

**Matters Arising**

None

**4. 4.1 LEADER**

**4.1.1 - To Decide on NTDC Applications**

Documents circulated for consideration by the members were the Project Evaluation Assessment Report and completed IEC Scoring Sheet for each application together with IEC meeting minutes. In addition, an Implementing Partner CEO Report to LCDC Chief Officer with details of the project including deadweight, displacement, rationale for grant aid, consistency with the Local Development Strategy and Operating Rules, IEC score and recommendation, and A48 Checking process undertaken was circulated for the consideration of members.

In relation to the NTDC project, the members were taken through this by Michael Murray.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRNTP111139
Promoter Code:	2637
Promoters Name:	Age Friendly Roscrea
Description:	This project involves the development of a strategic plan for Age Friendly Roscrea that will explore possibilities and provide recommendations around a sustainable future for the organisation.
Theme:	Rural Economic Development, Enterprise Development And Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Investment programme in Rural Ireland
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:	Grant awarded €14,944.50, 90% of €16,605
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €14,944.50, 90% of €16,605
Proposed by:	CLlr Declan Burgess
Seconded by:	Martin Quinn
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRNTP111585
Promoter Code:	1592
Promoters Name:	Loughmore Development Association
Description:	As part of their LEADER funded 5yr plan, LDA seek funding for emphasising the visual

	appearance of their village which includes local planting schemes, painting and appearance upgrade giving an enhanced visitor experience and make the village a more attractive place to come and live.
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Heritage 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:	Grant awarded €6376.31 75% of €8501.75
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €6376.31 75% of €8501.75
Proposed by:	Eoin Wolohan
Seconded by:	Cora Horgan
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRNTP111585 [Loughmore Development Association] Michael Murray said that a typographical error in the figures had been picked up after the IEC meeting. He said the total grant award on the CEO report of €6373.31 is incorrect and that the correct figure was €6376.31. This was approved on the proposal if Eoin Wolohan and seconded by Cora Horgan.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRNTP111611
Promoter Code:	8940
Promoters Name:	Clarkill Farm Ltd, Borrisokane.
Description:	3 phase electricity connection at Clarkill Farm - Installation of 3-phase electricity for the development of a new larger store to extend shelf life of potatoes in storage, thus creating a more viable operation and more local employment.
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Farm Diversification
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:	Grant awarded €17,381.66, 50% of €34,763.33
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €17,381.66, 50% of €34,763.33
Proposed by:	Sean O'Farrell
Seconded by:	Martin Quinn
Absenters:	None

Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRNTP111611 [Clarkill farm Ltd] Michael Murray informed the members that he was in discussion with the Department of Rural and Community Development with a view to having this project funded under the LEADER Food Initiative. This was agreed and the CEO report will be amended to reflect this as a Food Project.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRNTP111482
Promoter Code:	8859
Promoters Name:	Neufel Biomass
Description:	Neufel Ltd will source timber from local suppliers in North Tipperary. It will be allowed to dry out for several months and periodically tested for moisture content. When the moisture content is at its optimum level for production it will be put through a wood chipper and made into wood chips.
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Investment Programme in Rural Enterprise
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:	Grant awarded €175,246.50, 50% of €350,493.00
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €175,246.50, 50% of €350,493.00
Proposed by:	Cllr Declan Burgess
Seconded by:	Seán O'Farrell
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRNTP111482 [Neufel Biomass] Michael Murray said that he has to clarify eligibility of one cost element of the proposal.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRntp108294
Promoter Code:	6718
Promoters Name:	NTDC/Clare LDC
Description:	Killaloe Sailing Club: This project is designed to provide much needed facilities to include changing rooms with hot showers and toilets, a club house, covered training area, boat shed, extended boat park and new car park. They had to come up with an innovative development due to the nature of the site. This includes rafted sub-structure and a light

	prefabricated building from Shenette Sheds for their changing rooms and common room and the use of green technologies in the form of an air to source heating pump for both heating and hot water
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	Basic services for hard to reach communities
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:	Grant awarded €214,918.52, 37% of €573,116.06
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €214,918.52, 37% of €573,116.06
Proposed by:	Eoin Wolohan
Seconded by:	ClIr Declan Burgess
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRntp108294 [Killaloe Sailing Club] Michael Murray said that a social inclusion plan had been drawn up. Cora Horgan asked who the plan targeted. Michael Murray said that it would be local families. He added that it was €217 per annum for a family to join the club and there was discretion to wave this fee in certain cases. He said the club was partnering with the Killaloe Family Resource Centre, the facility would be disability friendly and information would be sent out to local schools. He said measures to counter the perception of exclusivity are outlined in the social inclusion plan. Adrian Cunneen said it was very important that social inclusion measures undertaken not be cosmetic. Eoin Wolohan said that €214,918 was a lot of money and that Killaloe is in county Clare. He added that he did not see counties adjoining Tipperary putting money into border areas in Tipperary. Michael Murray said that his project was being funded from the LEADER National Cooperation pot and this was accessed on a first come first served basis. He said a similar application had been made in the case of the Ballina Tennis Club. Anthony Fitzgerald supported the project adding that a lot of investment was made in recent times in the Lough Derg area. Seán O'Farrell asked was it possible to follow up to ensure that the social inclusion plan was being implemented. Michael Murray pointed out that the Audit Committee had the scope to inspect projects. John Lupton added that there should be a review process particularly in regard to the social inclusion element.

In relation to 30LDRNTP111530 [Lough Derg Discovery points Co-Operation] was being deferred as it has not provided all of the information yet to get fully through the Article 48 checking.

#### 4.1.2 - To Decide on STDC Applications

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In relation to the STDC project, the members were taken through this by Isabel Cambie.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30STP111494
Promoter Code:	6777
Promoters Name:	Ballingarry GAA Club
Description:	Walking track and accessibility enhancements
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Rural Towns
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:	Grant awarded €22,447.46, 75% of €29,929.95
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded Grant awarded €22,447.46, 75% of €29,929.95
Proposed by:	Martin Quinn
Seconded by:	Eoin Wolohan
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

<b>Project Code:</b>	30STP111330
Promoter Code:	2380
Promoters Name:	South Tipperary Development Company
Description:	The project is to design, deliver, co-ordinate and recruit for a training programme for communities in the Suir catchment in South Tipperary, to support them to carry out actions to assess, maintain and enhance water quality and associated biodiversity.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Water Resources
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:	Grant awarded €19,926, 100% of €19,926
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee	N/A

recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €19,926, 100% of €19,926
Proposed by:	Charles Stanley Smith
Seconded by:	Seán O'Farrell
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30STP111330 [Water Awareness and Biodiversity Training] Isabel Cambie declared a conflict of interest and absented herself from the room while this project was being considered. In order to maintain the correct private/public balance Karl Cashen also absented himself from the room while this project was being considered.

Charles Stanley Smith asked who will be giving the training. Isabel Cambie said Fiorú Ltd will be giving the training following a procurement process and were advised by LAWPRO. Seán O'Farrell asked for more detail on the content of the training. Isabel Cambie said it would focus on community activities on rivers, what they should and should not be doing and managing the river sustainable. Seán O'Farrell asked if there any plan to involve the farming community. Isabel Cambie replied that farmers would be able to apply for this training.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30STP111331
Promoter Code:	8773
Promoters Name:	County Tipperary Public Participation Network Organisations CLG
Description:	Develop a website for Tipperary PPN which Develop a website that will enable community groups to navigate the site effectively. It will be interactive, user friendly and worded in plain English.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	Basic services to hard to reach groups
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:	Grant awarded €5,013.78, 75% of €6,685.05
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €5,013.78, 75% of €6,685.05
Proposed by:	Martin Quinn
Seconded by:	Seán O'Farrell
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30STP111331 [Development of a website for PPN] Charles Stanley Smith declared a conflict of interest and absented himself from the room while it was being considered. In order to

maintain the correct private/public balance Karl Cashen also absented himself from the room while this project was being considered.

<b>Project Code:</b>	30STP111469
Promoter Code:	2622
Promoters Name:	Youth Work Ireland Tipperary
Description:	We wish to deliver a training programme to train and support youth workers, educators and volunteers to work with young people and use technology to inspire young people to master 21st-century learning social personal and employment skills
Theme:	Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Broadband
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:	Provisionally approved subject to completion of procurement €24,500.00. 100% of €24,500.00
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Provisionally approved subject to completion of procurement €24,500.00. 100% of €24,500.00.
Proposed by:	Charles Stanley Smith
Seconded by:	John Lupton
Absenters:	None
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30STP111469 [Youth Work Ireland Tipperary] both Cora Horgan and Cllr Declan Burgess declared a conflict of interest and absented themselves from the meeting while it was being considered.

In relation to project 30STP111497 [Provide basic IT equipment for 8 community broadband connection points] Isabel Cambie informed the meeting that it was being deferred as POBAL haven't assessed it yet.

Isabel Cambie brought the members attention to a change to project STP109587 – Tipperary Tourism CLG. This file was presented to the LCDC meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 with a reduced costing from what was presented at the IEC meeting of the 19<sup>th</sup> of February.

IEC meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> of February 2019	50% of eligible costs of up to €49,105.90, i.e. grant aid of up to €24,552.95
LCDC 15 <sup>th</sup> of April 2019	50% of eligible costs of up to €45,120.70 i.e. grant aid of up to



€22,560.35

Isabel Cambie explained that the decrease in the figure was because of a reduction in the Radio Campaign. This change was agreed on the proposal of Martin Quinn and seconded by Eoin Wolohan.

**4.2 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report**

The LEADER Income and Expenditure January to November 2019 report was approved on the proposal of Donal Mullane and seconded by John Lupton.

**4.3 To note and approve LEADER project extension requests granted from January to November 2019 as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules**

NTDC					
Extensions up to 6-months – To be noted by the LAG					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension	Reason	
30LDRNTP108305	<u>Inch Community Centre</u>	<b>17/12/2019</b>	16th March 2020	The Promoter has requested a three month extension to 16th. March 2020 as the original contractor was unable to proceed with project due to shortage of labour , the project is now almost complete and hope to complete paperwork in next few weeks	
30LDRNTP108307	<u>Community Walkway for Health</u>	<b>17/12/2019</b>	16th March 2020	Due to unforeseen circumstances the Promoter is only now submitting their final claim and have made an application for an extension to their contract with NTDC for a further three months to the 16th March 2020	
Extensions over 6-months - LCDC Approval					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason

	30LDRNTP10 2907	<u>Biodiversity</u> <u>Sensory</u> <u>Community Play</u> <u>Garden</u>	<b>10/01/2019</b>	31/10/2019	09/01/2020	The promoter has confirmed that no expenditure has occurred since contract expired on the 31st October 2019 - final claim to be submitted in later November/early December 2019
	30LDRNTP10 2833	<u>Caravan and</u> <u>Camping</u> <u>Park</u>	<b>31/03/2019</b>	31/12/2019	30/03/2020	Inclement weather has delayed the laying of the tar and chip - works completed early next year.
	30LDRNTP10 6452	Pure Oil Ltd	<b>25/05/2019</b>	25/11/2019	24/05/2020	Request for 6-month extension due to delays in finishing off paperwork for project.
	30LDRNTP10 6418	Fuchsia Lane Farm	<b>31/05/2019</b>	30/11/2019	31/03/2020	The Promoter had to wait until cottages were vacant to upgrade the electrical heating systems and this is currently being done. He needed some time

						to ensure that I have all receipts for this piece of work on file and should have all this in the next week or two.
30LDRNTP10 6949	Cross Fabrications Limited	<b>31/05/2019</b>	31/12/2019	30th May 2020		Work is coming to a close to be completed, but with Christmas approaching the Promoter needs to focus on their clients and finalise their works. Once Christmas is over we will be in a position again to finish works.
30LDRNTP10 3023	Thurles as a Gold Star Town	<b>31/03/2019</b>	31/12/2019	30th March 2020		Due to unforeseen circumstances (illness) the Promoters have to date been unable to complete the project and have requested an extension to complete.
30LDRNTP10 7099	Cloughjordan Arts Stage Canopy	<b>21/06/2019</b>	31/12/2019	30/06/2020		Much of the work outstanding is manual and outdoors

						and the next available weather window will be in early Spring. The intention would be to re-commence work at end of February and complete the contract by the end of March.
30LDRNTP10 2884	<u>Blackcastle Farm Food Processing Unit</u>	<b>18/12/2018</b>	17/12/2019	17/06/2020 LCDC for approval		Received derogation from Department for extension over 1 year.

**STDC**

<b>File No</b>	<b>Promoter</b>	<b>Original Closing Date</b>	<b>Extension Time</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
STP 108044	New Inn Community Centre	01.12.19	4 Months - to 01.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to make payments on the project
STP 108456	Munster Vales	01.12.19	4 months - to 01.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to make payments on the project
STP 108315	STDC - Community Energy Audit	31.12.19	4 months - to 30.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to complete the paperwork

STP 1083 19	STDC – Community Facility Management Plan	31.12.19	4 months - to 30.04.20	The promoter needs extra time to complete the paperwork
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Michael Murray brought the members through the NTDC extension requests. He brought the member attention to project 30DRNTP107099 [Cloughjordan Arts]. Michael Murray said the requested extension date on the list circulated was incorrect and that the 20/06/2020 was the correct date. He added that there were three additional project extension requests that were not included in the list provided to the members. He said the NTDC had received derogation from the Department of Rural and Community Development in respect of these three projects because the contract was being extended beyond 12 months. He went on to explain the reason for each of these three extension requests.

Extensions over 12-months - Department Approval						
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1 Year extension expired	Extension over 12-months	Reason	Department Derogation Approval
30LDR NTP10 2979	<u>Activ8 Program</u>	18/12/2018	29/11/2019	31/01/2020	Promoters are just collating final paperwork and preparing to submit their claim. The promoter has submitted current TC details and bank statement to prove solvency.	Received derogation from Department for extension over 1 year on the 15th November 2019 - the derogation will be uploaded to the CRM
30LDR NTP10 2981	<u>Youth Arts Training Program</u>	18/12/2018	29/11/2019	31/01/2020	Promoters are just collating final paperwork and are preparing to submit their claim The promoter has	Received derogation from Department for extension over 1 year on the 15th November 2019 - the derogation will be uploaded to the CRM

						submitted current TC details and bank statement to prove solvency.	
30LDR NTP10 2978	<u>Equine Therapy for Littleton Residents</u>	18/1 2/20 18	29/1 1/20 19	28/02 /2020		The equine therapy programme is completed the promoter has requested an extension in order to have all the relevant paperwork available.  The promoter has submitted current TC details and 2018 audited accounts to prove solvency.	Received derogation from Department for extension over 1 year on the 15th November 2019 - the derogation will be uploaded to the CRM

On the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan and seconded by John Lupton the NTDC project requests were approved. Isabel Cambie brought the members through the STDC project extension requests. On the proposal of Cllr Declan Burgess and seconded by Adrian Cunneen the STDC project extension requests were approved.

#### **4.4 Additional €500,000 division**

On the proposal of Martin Quinn and seconded by Seán O'Farrell the LCDC accepted the additional €500,000 LEADER funding made available to it by the Department of Rural and Community Development. A decision of how the funds would be divided was deferred to the December meeting.

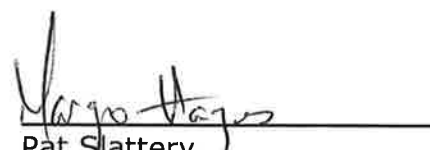
#### **4.5 Any Other Matters/Updates**

Shane O'Dwyer brought the member's attention to a letter of preliminary findings of the on the spot check of LEADER administration expenditure which took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2019. In this letter the Department of Rural and Community Development advised that in future inspections in will be ensuring that all declaration of interest forms state period covered. For example the form for the year 2019

	<p>would have to be signed in January 2020. Shane O'Dwyer said that all ethical documentation would have to be signed and returned prior to the first meeting of the LCDC in 2020.</p> <p>Isabel Cambie told the meeting that a vacancy has arisen on the STDC Independent Evaluation Committee with the departure of Anthony Fitzgerald to the LCDC. She sought the LCDC's approval for STDC to nominate a replacement onto the committee as has been the case in the past. This was approved on the proposal of John Lupton and seconded by Seán O'Farrell.</p> <p>Margo Hayes informed the meeting of the letter received from Minister of State for Mental Health Jim Daly -in reply to correspondence to his Department from the LCDC relating to discussion at the September meeting. Margo will circulate the letter.</p> <p>Margo Hayes informed the LCDC of the 3% increase to the SICAP budget bringing the STDC budget up to €653,105 in 2020 and the NTDC budget up to €555,485 in 2020.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Report on the LCDC Networking Workshop which took place on November 9<sup>th</sup></u></b></p> <p>Charles Stanley Smith briefed the members on his attendance LCDC Networking Workshop which took place on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He said that it had been a very good event and that the Tipperary LCDC was doing much of what it should. The event focused on leadership, climate action and a presentation on quitting smoking called <i>Not around Us</i>. Cllr Joe Hannigan, who was also in attendance, agreed that the Limerick City and County Council presentation on a tobacco free society was excellent. Cllr John Carroll (Chair) acknowledged Eoin Wolohan's attendance at this event too and thanked the members for their contributions. Fiona Crotty added that smoking cessation actions were include in previous rounds of Health Tipperary funding and a similar action was included in the round three funding application.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>To be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 16th of December in the Littleton and Moycarkey-Borris Community and Sports Centre, Littleton.</p>

**Signed:**   
 Cllr. John Carroll,  
 Chair,  
 Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

**Date:** 16/12/2019

**Signed:**   
 Pat Slattery,  
 Chief Officer,  
 Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

**Date:** 16/12/2019

