

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 17th February, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE), Colin Cummins (TETB), Stephanie O'Callaghan (CYPSC),
(6)

Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Mike Edwards (PPN, Vice Chairman), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar), Elaine Baker (PPN), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Isabel Cambie (STDC), (6)

Apologies: Derry O Donnell (PNN), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Sinead Carr (Chief Executive), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), Mike Geary (TUS)

In Attendance: Shane O Dwyer (Senior Executive Officer, TCC), Brian Beck (Director of Services) (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Cora Morrissey (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Mary McLoughney (TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC)

	<p><u>Pre-Meeting Requirements and Conflict of Interest</u></p> <p>1. Quorum The Quorum was reached.</p> <p>2. Conflict of Interest None</p> <p>3. Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions` As there was an equal number of Private and Public membership at the meeting, Derval Howley of the HSE and Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (TCC) agreed to step away from the decision making process to ensure balance as required in favour of the Private.</p> <p>Ethics Documents Reminder to return the 2025 Ethics Documents. It was confirmed that the sitting Councillors are not required to complete the Ethics documents for the LCDC as they have already completed same as members of the Council.</p>
1.	<u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed
2.	<u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 20th January, 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 20 th January, 2025 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Anne Marie Ryan (Shiner).
3.	<u>SICAP</u>

	<p>Cora Morrissey updated the members on SICAP.</p> <p>3.1 Annual Plan</p> <p>Cora informed the members that the Annual Plan had been approved and submitted to Pobal.</p> <p>Fiona Crotty informed the members that the 2023 LCDC & STDC Audit took place on the 27th January and we are awaiting a report on same.</p> <p>Isable Cambie advised that their SICAP Programme manager was moving on and they have started the recruitment process to replace her.</p>
4.	<p>Local Economic and Community Plan</p> <p>Shane O Dwyer, Senior Executive Officer, Housing Section gave a presentation on Housing's LECP Actions going forward (copy in Sharefile).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with implementing the Integrated Plan for Delivering Services to Travellers when requested. • Develop and implement the Co. Tipperary Youth Homeless Strategy. • Establish a joint forum (TCC and AHBs) to develop an inter-organisational Housing Provision Strategy for the county. • Improve community engagement for socially disadvantaged groups by strengthening collaboration between SICAP and Community Liaison Officers through an inter-agency forum. <p>Cllr. Annemarie Ryan thanked Shane for his presentation. She advised that there were a lot of slum tenancies in Tipperary town where living conditions were very poor. Shane advised that the Council were looking at taking on a planned maintenance programme and had also submitted a business case to provide a homeless hub (9am – 9pm) in Tipperary Town.</p> <p>Derval Howley said Shane's presentation was very interesting and really positive.</p> <p>Mike Edwards advised that he was the Chairperson of Street Link Homeless Dublin and asked if it was possible to get details of CLO's in the region. Shane O Dwyer said he would forward details of same.</p> <p>Cllr. Marie Murphy advised that some Bed and Breakfast's were being utilised by the Council in Cahir Town leading to a lack of accommodation and suggested that grants should be given to people to decorate rooms to be used for B & B.</p>
5.	<p><u>LEADER 2023-2027</u></p> <p>5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision) There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC</p> <p>5.2 STDC CEO Report (Decision) There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC</p>

	<p>5.3 Monthly Income & Expenditure Report (Decision) Valerie Kavanagh advised the members that as there were no projects the Income and Expenditure Budget remains the same. She also advised that she has added an extra column on the Income and Expenditure Report showing the Percentage Budget Allocated to Date.</p> <p>Approval of the Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was proposed by Stephanie O Callaghan and seconded by Pat Carroll.</p> <p>5.4 LEADER Targeted Call 2024 Isabel Cambie advised the members that the Closing date for the Targeted Call 2024 expressions of interest was Wednesday 18th December. There were 80 expressions of interest submitted and 40 deemed eligible applications. NTDC, STDC and Tipperary County Council are going to meet in a few weeks time to discuss same and to try and make a case to increase the €300,000. They will revert back to the LCDC in April.</p>
6.	<p>LCDC Sub Group Meetings 6.1 Sustainable Communities Sub Group Meeting 29/01/2025 Valerie Kavanagh updated the members on the Minutes of the Sustainable Communities Sub Group which was held on the 29th January. The Key points discussed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate Action Checklist for LEADER applications • Smart Villages • LEADER Targeted 2024 Call – shortlisting of Expression of Interest • Format of LEADER Projects presentation to LCDC • Improved Monitoring of Budget & LDS Outputs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ A new 'Indicators Monitoring Report' has been created to track the anticipated outputs of LEADER approved projects against the budget allocated. This can be useful to help better inform the LAG when approving projects especially around achieving value for money. For example, under the subtheme 'Rural Food Production' 42% of the budget has already been allocated, however only 2% of the anticipated outputs have been achieved. • Potential policy regarding funding for carpark/religious facilities
7.	<p>Smart Villages Update</p> <p>Cora Morrissey updated the members on Smart Villages. She advised that 6 expressions of interest had been received by the closing date which was Monday 27th January. Isabel informed the members that it was now a work in progress and that she would keep them updated.</p>
8.	<p>Quality of Life 8.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025 Fiona Crotty gave an update on the Healthy Ireland Fund. Healthy Ireland progress report and final returns for 2024 currently underway submission date has been extended to 28th February. Confirmed budget for 2025 is €75,000.</p>

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	<p>8.5 Engage in Energy</p> <p>Fiona Crotty updated the members on Engage in Energy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Roscrea leaflet drop was conducted on the 31st January with referral forms provided for self-referral. ✓ Ecovision will commence engagement with designated households under the project. ✓ As per previous meeting we have been advised on the extension to the pilot but we are awaiting a revised Service Level Agreement on same.
9.	<p>Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee</p> <p>Stephanie O Callaghan updated the members on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee.</p> <p>Funding Updates</p>
10.	<p>10.1 Local Enhancement Programme 2025</p> <p>Val Kavanagh updated the members on the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. The Local Enhancement Programme, Funding to support community groups is now open for applications, closing date is 28th February, 2025.</p> <p>The Programme is open to Community & Voluntary groups and Clubs in County Tipperary. There is €206,558 available under the main scheme and €34,426 available under Support for Running Costs.</p>
11.	<p>Power of Place and People in Tipperary</p> <p>Fiona Crotty gave a presentation on the Power of Place and People in Tipperary (uploaded on Sharefile). She advised that the Tipperary LECP Action to undertake Community Capacity and Community Organisation Audit was underway. There are 1756 number of community Groups registered with Tipperary Public Participation Network in County Tipperary. This audit will reflect the physical infrastructure and fabric of the community facility It will also reflect the social capital of the community group.</p> <p>Elaine Baker congratulated Fiona and said it was a fantastic initiative and Derval Howley agreed.</p>
12.	<p>Tipperary Emergency Co-ordination Group (TECG)</p> <p>Cora Morrissey updated the members on the Tipperary Emergency Co-ordination Group and advised that it is planned to put a formal structure in place going forward. Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) asked what the timeline to set up the Emergency Co-ordination group was going to be and Cora said it was immediate.</p>
13.	<p>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultation</p> <p>None</p>

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Cora Morrissey advised that Colin Cummins (TETB) would be giving a presentation to the March LCDC on the LECP.

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Date of Next Meeting – Monday 24th March, 2.30 p.m. – In Person at Cabragh Wetlands

Signed:



Cllr. John Carroll
Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

Signed:



Brian Beck
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

10.4.2025
