

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
19th February, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom**

Present:

Public Sector:

Joe MacGrath (Chief Executive), Cllr John Carroll (TCC),
Cllr Decian Burgess (TCC), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Elaine
Cullinane (TCC), Cllr. Joe Hannigan (TCC), Stephanie O
Callaghan (CYPSC), Derval Howley (HSE),

Private Sector:

Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Mike
Edwards (PPN, Vice Chairman), Derry O Donnell (PPN), Pat
Carroll (IFA), Michael Geary (TUS), Isabel Cambie (STDC),
John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Meadhbh Gordon
(PPN),

Apologies:

Gearoid O'Foighil (PPN), Colin Cummins (ETB)

In Attendance:

Brian Beck (Chief Officer), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty
(TCC), Marie Cox (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Lindsay Cleary
(TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC)
Michael Ryan (NTDC)

Presentations by

1.	To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements The meeting was opened by Eoin Wolahan (Chair), all were welcomed and apologies were noted. 1.1 Quorum The quorum was reached. 1.2 Conflict of Interest No Conflict of Interest 1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions None. 1.4 Ethics Documents Members were informed that the Ethics documents would be sent out next week and they should be signed and returned as soon as possible.	2.	Approval of Draft Agenda The Draft Agenda was agreed	3.	Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 15th January, 2024 & Matters Arising (Decision) The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 15th January, 2024 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr. John Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Joe Hannigan
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SICAP UPDATE

SICAP End Of Year Performance Appraisal

Margo Hayes thanked the Development Companies and the Social Inclusion Sub Group for all their hard work with the SICAP end of Year Appraisal.

The following Targets and financial information was noted

Tipperary North

- NTDC KP1 Target 40/ Achieved 61
- NTDC KP2 Target 436/Achieved 820

Total Budget €781,479.00

Spend

99% Underspend €7,788.87

Tipperary South

- STDC KP1 Target 40/ Achieved 42
- STDC KP2 Target 436 / Achieved 473

Total Budget €939,353.00

Spend

97.42% Underspend €24,277.58

Mike Edwards who chaired the Social Inclusion Sub Group said there was a huge amount of work involved and he also wanted to thank the Development Companies and Tipperary County Council. Michael Murray and Isabel Cambie acknowledged Margo and Mike's comments.

Derval Howley also acknowledged their hard work and asked if they could explain the difference in the allocation of the Budgets in the different areas? Margo advised that we have no say how the budgets are set, the Department set the budgets and it is based on the amount of deprivation in areas.

North Tipperary Case Study on Men's Sheds - Presented by Mike Ryan NTDC

North Tipperary based their project on Men's Sheds and Michael Ryan, SICAP Men's Groups Community Support Worker gave a presentation to the group on same. The following was the Case Study Conclusions and Recommendations

- **Category Assignment** . Mens Sheds need to be recognised and acknowledged as a **distinct category** of community group and supported accordingly
- **Funding:** Sheds need secure access to a multi-year funding stream to cover their running costs.
- **Administration/Organisational support:** - the Sheds need hands-on, boots-on-the-ground support of someone actually doing some of the work for them
- **The flexibility of the SICAP Programme** was an important enabling factor for the project. This project is a work in progress, we will continue to work to develop supports for the Sheds in North Tipperary, within our available resources.
- **Need for a National Strategy**

Eoin thanked Michael for the excellent presentation.

Cllr. Joe Hannigan also thanked Michael for the presentation and suggested that the Community Enhancement fund might be a port of call for funding. Derval Howley congratulated Michael on his presentation and asked if we would be able to advocate Michael's case study for sustainable funding? Michael advised the group that a proposal had been submitted to Pobal under SICAP grants for funding. Maedhbh Gordon advised that the ETB has a funding Module for Youth Clubs that could be used Margo Hayes thanked Michael and assured him that the LCDC would support his suggestions.	5. LEADER 2014 - 2020 5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision) Michael Murray informed the members that there were no projects or extensions to present to this month's meeting. 5.2 STDC CEO Report (Decision) There were no projects or extensions for decision to present at this month's meeting. 5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision) There were no Leader Extensions for decision to present at this month's meeting. 5.4 To approve Monthly Income & Expenditure Report (Decision) - Summary Report & Detail Marie Cox gave an update on the Monthly Income & Expenditure Report. Approval was agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Derry O'Donnell. 5.5 Marie Cox informed the members that the Sustainable Communities Sub Group met last week. She thanked everyone for participating and advised that the Draft Nomination Policy and Programme rollout documents had been uploaded on Sharefile for viewing. She asked that the LCDC would accept and recommend. Approval was agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Joe MacGrath. Cllr. John Carroll advised the members that a Bio Diversity Officer had now been employed by Tipperary County Council and would be an important link.
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7.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023 – 2025 update

Fiona Crotty gave an update on the Healthy Ireland Fund and informed the members that Financial returns are currently being prepared on funding spent in 2023 and will be submitted to Pobal on 16th February. On approval of same funding will be allocated for 2024.

7.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel Update

Fiona Crotty also updated the group on Healthy Communities Clonmel and informed the members of the following:

▪ Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

Marfield resident's group has submitted a business case (Community Hub development) to Clonmel Borough and are awaiting approval before progress can be made on this project. Following on from a meeting with DOH, Marfield has been chosen as the area in Clonmel to roll out Place Standard tool training on the 7th May 2024. The Place Standard tool lets communities, public agencies, voluntary groups and others find those aspects of a place that need to be targeted to improve people's health, wellbeing and quality of life.

▪ Youth Prescriber

LDO is working with Barnardos on a pilot for youth prescribers for 6- to 10-year-olds.

▪ TUS SEED Fund Projects

LDO is working with TUS on a VR reality project for Cancer patients and also in supporting the Food Poverty Hub in TUS campus.

▪ Inclusive Social Network

The network continues to meet and progress in how social activities are delivered out of school and out of education in the community for children and young people with disabilities. The LDO is currently collaborating with HSE Development Officer from the Goldstar programme, Tipperary Volunteer Centre, Healthy Ireland Coordinator, and Age Friendly Tipperary to develop a train trainer and training programme for Inclusive Access and Disability Awareness training. The intention is to develop a panel of trainers who have disabilities in each MD area that will be drawn to deliver training across the county, to businesses, schools etc. Cafes in Clonmel have shown interest in taking this training and becoming inclusive cafes. Update - This training will take place in February/March 2024.

▪ Quality of Life/Substance Misuse Alliance Clonmel

- Community Conversations follow-up meetings took place with Hospitality and Retail on 10th January, Clubs and Societies on 16th January & Lived Experience on 22nd January
- On 30th January Substance Use Policy Training Workshop took place in Talbot Hotel 7 pm to 9 pm

- Subgroup working on Charter of Substance Misuse services in Clonmel.
- March/April will also see the final Community Conversation take place with the schools and parents

- The action plan will reflect proposals to address across all areas.

- Dr Marie Walsh TUS is going to analyse all community conversation outputs, identifying common themes using NVivo software. She will code the data from the various sessions using this software. This will be a valuable piece of evidence-based research in relation to the 3 Community conversations held in October/November 2023. The ultimate outcome is that we will have data that can we can use in a tangible way and might find common themes throughout them all.
- Subgroup working on securing a Drugs Rehabilitation CE scheme for Clonmel. This CE scheme is for people who have experienced and are in the process of rehabilitation from substance misuse.

Planet Youth Project

- Planet Youth school surveys are being finalized with partners in Tipperary and Wicklow. The school surveys aimed at TY students are a very comprehensive health and well-being, substance use survey
- Meetings progress with secondary school sector in Q1 2024 in relation to the rollout for 2024
- Ethical permission in line with Planet Youth surveys in Galway and Roscommon being agreed
- Final agreement with Icelandic Partners contract signing to be completed by the end of February 2024

7.3 Tipperary Older Peoples Council and Age Friendly update

- Tipperary Age Friendly will issue a dementia gardening guide to all Tidy Towns groups in the county.
- Cashel launched its first Dementia Cafe at Cashel Library on 13th February
- Carrick on Suir will host its first café on Monday 8th April in Carrick on Suir Library

8.1 Community Support Fund Update Marie Cox updated the members on the Community Support Fund. 8.2 Local Enhancement Scheme Update Marie Cox informed the members that there were 82 complete applications and 126 applications in draft for the Main Scheme and 9 completed and 35 in draft for the Mothers Group. Closing date February 22nd with no extensions due to timelines. Marie also reminded the LCDC that the Dept are clear that no group should be informed of the outcome prior to their press releases and any details should be kept confidential.	8.
FUNDING UPDATES Roscrea Community Action Partnership (CAP) The update on the Community Action Plan Meeting Roscrea was provided by Mike Edwards (The item was taken earlier on the agenda as Michael Murray had to leave the meeting). The CAP meeting was well attended by agencies and 2 community members attend. The purpose of the meeting is to look at the services and facilities needs of the town and to meet those needs where possible. Mike mentioned the need for a Family Resource Centre. A needs analysis for this service was already developed by the CAP. The group will meet again in March.	
• New Ballina Killaloe Connect Cafe last Tuesday of every month at Family Resource Centre • Tipperary Age Friendly Implementation Plan 2024-2025 has issued to those that attended the workshop for review and final agreement will be achieved with the Age Friendly Alliance • Tipperary Age Friendly participated in a meeting for the new Primary Care Centre in Fethard, hosted by the HSE and developer, establishing our working group to implement the Age Friendly Primary Care Centre Guidelines. • On Monday 4th March, the HSE will host a Regional Positive Ageing Seminar in Waterford, with the Executive from each of the 5 Older Peoples Council in the Southeast CHOS in attendance showcasing Older People Services. Senior staff from CHOS have also been invited to attend. • Tipperary Older Peoples Council will prepare a newsletter this quarter • Tipperary Older Peoples Council will host a seminar on transport and road safety on 21st March • The National Older Peoples Council convention 2024 is being hosted by Kilkenny on 9th and 10th May • Derval Howley thanked Fiona for her update and advised the members that a new Senior Health Promotion Officer had been appointed.	

Update on LCP Progress Margo informed the meeting that the LCP was adopted by Tipperary County Council on the 11th December, 2023 and was going out as a second draft this week. It was hoped that the plan would be agreed by the end of March. She also informed the members that it would be put on the Website this week. She thanked all the LCDC members for their hardwork and patience.	
Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations ▪ Draft National Wetlands Policy Margo Hayes updated the members on the Draft National Wetlands Policy which had been circulated with the agenda ▪ International Protection Integration Fund 2024 Marie Cox updated the members on the International Protection Integration Fund 2024 which was approved by the Minister of State for Integration, Deputy Joe O'Brien. • €1,500,000 will be made available to community based organisations to carry out integration projects at a national, regional or local level to support the integration of International Protection Applicants. • Grants of €30,000 to €100,000 will be allocated to successful Scheme A integration initiatives. • Grants of €2,000 to €10,000 will be allocated to successful Scheme B integration initiatives. All applications and enquiries are directly to the DCEDIY	9.
Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee Stephanie O Callaghan update the members and informed them that the next CYP SY meeting would take place the following date.	10.
Any Other Business There was no Other Business as everything had been covered during the meeting. Date of next meeting Tuesday 19th March, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom	11.

Signed:

Eoin Wolahan

Date:

10.04.2024

Eoin Wolahan

Chairman

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed:

Brian Beck

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Chief Officer

Date:

11/4/2024