

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom**

**Present:**

**Public Sector:** Stephanie O Callaghan (CYPSC), Cllr. John Carroll (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Sinead Carr (Chief Executive)  
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**Private Sector:** Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Mike Edwards (PPN, Vice Chairman), Pat Carroll (IFA) Mike Geary (TUS), Derry O Donnell (PPN), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN) **(8)**

**Apologies:** Colin Cummins (TETB), Brian Beck (Chief Officer), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Cora Morrissey (TCC)

**In Attendance:** Margo Hayes (TCC), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC)

<b>1.</b>	<p><b><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></b> Eoin Wolahan opened the meeting by welcoming back the new Councillors. He also introduced Valerie Kavanagh who would be replacing Marie Cox.</p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b> The quorum was reached.</p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest</b> None.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions</b> None.</p> <p><b>1.4 Ethics Documents</b> Eoin reminded all to complete and return their Ethics Documents.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u></b> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 &amp; Matters Arising (Decision)</u></b> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June, LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of John Carroll and seconded by Mike Edwards.</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b><u>4.1 SICAP – Mid Year Review</u></b> Margo thanked all members who participated in the Mid Year Review which took place on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> June. She thanked the Development</p>

Companies and the Social Inclusion Sub Group for all their hard work on the Review and informed the group that she would circulate all members of the LCDC the amended plan.

### **NTDC SICAP Q2 Report**

Michael Murray updated the members on the NTDC SICAP Q2 Report and informed them that NTDC SICAP staff are engaged with the following Steering Group Committees: Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance, The Volunteer Centre, Social Farming Ireland Southwest, Irish Local Development Network, Mid-West Social Enterprise Network and helped establish Tipperary Against Racism Network.

The SICAP Community Development Worker in Roscrea has engaged with the Refugees/IPA target group in this action through: A Walk In Their Shoes Workshop which addressed integration of IPA/Refugees in the community and International Women's Day celebrated across all North Tipperary.

A Social Enterprise Networking Event organised by SICAP was held in Nenagh on May 23rd. The event was well attended with up to 40 attending representing 14 social enterprises and LCG's with an interest in Social Enterprise.

The challenge of engaging residents' groups remains in both Nenagh and Roscrea is an ongoing piece for NTDC. A New Community Development Worker has been recruited in June with the intentions of re-engaging groups in these towns. A Roscrea Family Fun Day is taking place in the town on the 20<sup>TH</sup> of July. This is an integration event for the town in collaboration with the RYS (NTDC Roscrea Youth Servies).

NTDC also received additional funding under the International Protection Integration Fund with the proposal to deliver training programmes, language supports and summer camp places to children living in Direct provision and IPAS centres.

A collaboration is underway with NTDC/TETB/Coolmine Addiction Services to deliver supports to people struggling with addiction and exiting Rehabilitation care. These supports include CV workshops/Interview skills, Personal development and Mindfulness.

SICAP have been collaborating with the Tús/CE scheme to identify employment opportunities for people living in IPAS centres in Roscrea.

SICAP are hosting an Accredited Chainsaw training, Safe Pass Courses and A Small Engines Course for individuals with educational disadvantage and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and low-income households in the summer months.

### **STDC SICAP Q2 Report**

Isabel Cambie updated the members on STDC SICAP Q2 Report and informed them that the SICAP Development Officers (SDOs) continue to re-register the community organisations and prepare the annual support plans. The list of community organisations from the 2018 – 2023 SICAP has now been reviewed. Correspondence has been drafted to those organisations that have not engaged with SICAP within the past year. It is hoped that this re-engagement will re-engage community groups or identify the groups that have ceased activity. She also informed the members that a Funding application under the Community Integration Fund with the proposal to deliver Pathway to Employment Workshops to International Protection Applicants has been successful and SICAP will be rolling this out at the end of

	<p>Q3 to the residents of Bridgewater House. Two events were organised by SICAP for Men's Health Week in June, A Health Information Event in Fethard and an event in STDC Cahir where the Irish Heart Foundation offered blood pressure checks and participants could find out more about the various programmes STDC delivers. A member of the Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) attended the SICAP Team Meeting to introduce themselves and to look at ways that we could work together. SICAP now has a 'Healthy Food Made Easy' Tutor in-house as one of the Ukrainian Support Workers has completed the 'Train the Trainer' Course. The first programme commences in late July and the course is already full.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b><u>LEADER 2014-2020</u></b></p> <p><b>5.1 NTDC CEO Report</b> There were no projects to present to this month's meeting. Michael Murray advised the members that they were continuing to manage claims.</p> <p><b>5.2 STDC CEO Report</b> There were no projects to present to this month's meeting. Isabel Cambie advised the members that they were continuing to manage claims.</p> <p><b>5.3 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)</b> The Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was approved by Mike Edwards and seconded by Derry O'Donnell.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b><u>LEADER 2023-2027</u></b></p> <p>There was no update at this month's meeting.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>Quality of Life</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025 update</b></p> <p><b>Pobal Update</b> Fiona Crotty updated the members and informed them that funding has been paid over to Tipperary County Council, updated SLA's have been sent out to delivering partners, programmes have commenced across the geographical areas that have been funded, i.e. Chair, Clogheen, Littleton, and Nenagh. Funding must be spent by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025. Tipperary Sports partnership is the main partner in delivering the physical activity programmes in Cahir and Nenagh.</p> <p><b>Picnic in the Park</b> South Tipperary Disability Group Forum staged the 13th annual picnic in the park on 4th July in the Sensory garden Cahir. Cahir men's shed provided the music and entrainment and members from Tipperary Irish Wheel Cahir association attended.</p>

## **Mental Health Week**

Tipperary Mental Health Week takes place from 7th October to 13th October. Tipperary Mental health week Committee will have a list of programmes and events that will be taking place for the week which will be available at a later date. The official launch will take place on 27th September in TUS Thurles Campus from 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon, invite for LCDC members to follow. As part of Tipperary Mental Health Week Former Governor of Mount Joy Prison and current Tipperary Age Friendly ambassador John Lonergan will give a talk on 9th October in TUS Thurles Campus.

## **Make Way Day**

Make Way day will take place on 27th September. This is a national campaign to highlight the miss-use of Disabled parking spaces.

## **7.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel**

Derval Howley provided an update on Clonmel Healthy Communities Health Food made easy. There were 4 programmes run in Q2 of this year with 35 enrolments, 31 participants completed the full 6 week Community Cooking Programme.

The Social Prescribing Services continues to be provided by Clonmel Community Resource Centre, there are currently 37 individuals being supported by the Link Worker.

Fiona Crotty updated the members on the following:

## **Substance Misuse Action Plan**

Substance Use Subgroup meeting took place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Dr Marie Walsh gave a presentation on the coded outputs from the 4 Community Conversations with an explanation of how the coding and findings of data was collated. She will assist the four subgroups on sharing a breakdown of data as requested.

## **Planet Youth Project**

- Tipperary Planet Youth promotional video was recorded on 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June with key stakeholders
- Planet Youth Launch date 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

## **Youth Social Prescriber Project**

LDO met with Barnardos on the 9<sup>th</sup> July in relation to pilot for youth prescribers for 6- to 10-year-olds. Slaintecare LDO will work on a draft SLA for this pilot.

## **Drugs Rehabilitation CE Scheme**

STDC have shown an interest in becoming an implementing partner for a Drugs CE scheme in Clonmel. A meeting was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May with Community Employment, STDC, SERDATF and LDO to discuss the scheme. STDC and Slaintecare LDO visited Kilkenny Special Drugs CE scheme on the

11<sup>th</sup> July. STDC will present the Special CE Scheme to their Board on the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

### **Children and Young People's Consultation**

TCC submitted the Children & Young People's Consultation for quality of life in Clonmel to Tusla's Child and Youth participation awards. The application was shortlisted and some of the children and young people met with the participation officer on the 8<sup>th</sup> July. Following on from this meeting, Tusla's Participation Officer will forward a report to the evaluation committee at the end of this month.

Fiona Crotty updated the members on the following:

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#### **7.3 Tipperary Age Friendly**

Tipperary Older People's Council will meet in July to arrange AGM and thematic focus for Q3 workshop.

Plans are underway for Positive Ageing Week activities

Newsletter will issue to all community groups late August promoting AGM and Positive Ageing Week, it will also include focus from Local Authority Integration Team

### **Funding Updates**

#### **8.1 Local Enhancement Scheme**

Margo Hayes updated the members and informed them that all Applications were being processed.

#### **8.2 Community Recognition Fund**

Margo informed the members that the last of the 2023 CRF applications were being processed and funding drawn down was now at 75%. The CRF 2024 had gone to the DRCD for on May 31<sup>st</sup> and there was no update as to the timing of announcement.

#### **8.3 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2023 – Measure 2 and 3 funding update**

Mairead Ryan updated the members on Measure 2 and 3 Funding

##### **Measure 2**

*Lough Doire Bhile Enhancement Works - Grant funding €108,000*

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To Upgrade and enhance the existing amenity at Lough Doire Bhile. The enhancement works will provide a fully accessible amenity area to be enjoyed by every member of the public.

##### **Measure 3**

*Widening & Signage Improvements along Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir Blueway - Grant Funding €500,000*

10.	<p>Widening of approx. 3.0km of narrow sections of 20km Suir Blueway between Clonmel &amp; Carrick on Suir including new finger-post trail markers and additional tourist information panels</p>
11.	<p><b><u>Local Community Safety Partnership Update</u></b></p> <p>Margo Hayes advised the members that the Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) would be replacing the Joint Policing Committee (JPC) and applications were being sought for a Chairperson of the Committee (closing date today).</p> <p><b><u>Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee</u></b></p> <p>Stephanie O Callaghan gave an update on CYPSC</p> <p><b><u>Correspondence, Submissions &amp; Consultations</u></b></p> <p>Margo Hayes advised the members that Minister Heather Humphreys, T.D. announced €20 million in funding to support and upgrade and refurbishment of community centres across the country. Under the Community Centres Investment Fund 2024, community organisations will be supported with grants of between €10,000 and €100,000 to develop and enhance their existing community facilities. The scheme will be delivered in conjunction with Pobal and the closing date will be the 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.</p> <p>Margo also advised the members that the Community Centre Investment Fund was open. Applications will be made through the Pobal Portal and the closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.</p>
12.	<p>Margo informed the members that Pobal MAPS Data would allow access to all but the LCDC has to sign an Non Disclosure before getting any information. Isabel Cambie asked if all members of the LCDC would be required to sign same? Margo replied that not all members would have to sign but the Manager and CEO would have to sign.</p> <p>Margo also advised the members that the Tipperary Arts Office were providing equality grants for artists up to €5,000 and the closing date for same is 19<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <p>Margo Hayes informed the members that Eoin Wolahan's position as Chairman would be ending in October, 2024. She thanked Eoin for all his hard work during his chairmanship and said how lucky we were to have him. She said we would need to elect a new Chairperson and as Eoin came from the Private Side of the house, the new Chair would have to be from the Public Side of the house.</p>

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The Members of the LCDC expressed their condolences to Charles Stanley Smith on the death of his wife Justice Elizabeth MacGrath.

**Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

**Signed:**

Eoin Wolahan

**Date:**

24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Eoin Wolahan  
Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

**Signed:**

Brian Beck

**Date:**

24.9.2024

Brian Beck  
Chief Officer,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee