

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 16th December at 11.00 a.m. in the Horse and Jockey Hotel – in
person.**

Present:

Public Sector: Stephanie O Callaghan (Tusla), Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Elaine Cullinan (TCC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE)
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Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Mike Edwards (PPN, Vice Chairman), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar), Elaine Baker (PPN), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), Derry O Donnell (PPN) **(7)**

Apologies: Sinead Carr (Chief Executive), Colin Cummins (TETB), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Mike Geary (PPN)

In Attendance: Brian Beck (Director of Services) (TCC), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Cora Morrissey (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Mary McLoughney (TCC), Catriona Crowe (TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC)

	<p><u>Pre-Meeting Requirements and Conflict of Interest</u></p> <p>1. Quorum The Quorum was reached. As it was an “in person” meeting, there was a round of introductions.</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 agreed to step away from the decision making process to ensure balance as required in favour of the Private None</p> <p>4. Ethics Documents Reminder to those who have not returned Ethics Documents to submit them without delay.</p> <p>Cllr John Carroll expressed his condolences to John O’Shaughnessy on the passing of his mother.</p>
1.	<u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed
2.	<u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 18th November, 2024 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u>

3.

The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 18th November, 2024 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Anne Marie Ryan (Shiner) and seconded by Derry O Donnell

SICAP
Margo Hayes updated the members on SICAP.

SICAP- Annual Plans
The LDCs have prepared the Annual Plans for SICAP and these will be circulated ahead of the SICAP Annual plan review meeting to take place on Wednesday 18th of December. The budget for 2025 have just recently been announced (on Friday 13th December). There is a slight increase in the SICAP Budgets and New arrivals budgets in 2025 vis-a-vis the 2024 budgets as detailed below.

2025		
	SICAP budget	New Arrival Budget
STDC	€894,403	€131,928
NTDC	€724,472	€141,927

2024		
	SICAP budget	New Arrival Budget
STDC	€867,090	€128,194
NTDC	€702,348	€123,218

The Annual Planning process must be signed off by February 28th but the upload of the plan to IRIS by December 13th is the first stage of the process (which also requires a review by Pobal)

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LEADER 2023-2027

4.1NTDC CEO Report (Decision)
There were no projects to present to this month’s LCDC

4.2STDC CEO Report (Decision)
There were no projects to present to this month’s LCDC

4.3Monthly Income & Expenditure Report (Decision)
Valerie Kavanagh advised the members that as there were no projects the Income and Expenditure Budget remains the same as November.
Approval of the Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Pat Carroll.

4.4LEADER Targeted Call 2024
Isabel Cambie advised the members that the Closing date for the Targeted Call 2024 was Wednesday 18th December and that there were 15 expressions of interest submitted to date.

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Quality of Life
5.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025
Fiona Crotty gave an update on the Healthy Ireland Fund.

Tipperary LCDC have submitted a contract extension for December 2024 to December 2025 in respect of the Healthy Ireland County Coordinator role. This was submitted to Pobal on the 3rd December 2025.

We have been advised that the budget for Actions for 2025 will increase from 40,000 to 75,000 following the budget process, and we will have a revised action agreement in January 2025 to reflect same. The areas and target groups associated with the Healthy Ireland Plan will remain the same as 2024.

Tipperary County Council will recruit a new County Coordinator following Áine Roche achieving promotion as the new County Community Safety Partnership Coordinator.

5.2 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

Catriona Crowe gave an update on Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel. Tipperary County Council signed a revised Service Level Agreement with the Department of Health extending the duration of the contract for Sláintecare Healthy Communities until December 31st 2029. This has provided for salary for the Local Development Officer and action budget of €75,000 for 2025 within the agreement.

Tulsa's Child and Youth Participation Awards Ceremony

Tipperary County Council achieved the Child and Youth Participation Award for their Quality-of-life consultation with the children and young people of Clonmel. Mary Hickey South Tipperary Arts Centre, James Kearney Bridge Water House, Conor Sheehan Bridge Water House and Catriona Crowe Sláintecare Healthy Communities were presented with Tulsa's Child and Youth Participation Award under the Mixed Services including national services category at an awards ceremony on the 28th November 2024 in the Light House Cinema Dublin.

Community Pantry Project Launch

Monday, 18 November, the Technological University of the Shannon's Clonmel Campus with the support of Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme has launched the Community Pantry Project to help combat food poverty for young people in Clonmel.

The pantry is located on campus and is a traditional kitchen dresser which has been given a bright makeover by students. It contains non-perishable items of food for TUS students, and young people in Clonmel, to access as and when they need it. Food parcels have also been donated by the Simon Community and the project features food information and demonstrations for young people.

Led by Dr Marie Walsh, a lecturer at the college, the project was developed in response to a recent consultation with 180 young people in Clonmel through the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. The survey identified food poverty as just one of the major issues facing young people in Clonmel and the surrounding area, says Dr Walsh, who has been a teacher for thirty years and says she has seen a noticeable increase in food poverty across the student body. *"One student recently shared with me that they had survived a week on one bag of chicken goujons and a bag of frozen vegetables. It's not ok that students are trying to survive on that," she said.* Another student told her once that they had €15 left for food that week. And yet another once asked if Dr Walsh would consider giving lunches as prizes for her popular table quizzes, instead of the standard prize of chocolates. *"There is a very real need here and we hope that this project will begin to help address it. In time, we hope that this initiative can be rolled out nationwide," she said.*

Dr Walsh thanked the Simon Community in Limerick for their kind support of food parcels, as well as Catriona Crowe of Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Una O Dywer of Clonmel Training Centre and Tipperary Nutritionist Grainne Ni Eidhin for their support and guidance.

President of TUS, Professor Vincent Cunnane - on launching the project said: *"Students incur a lot of expenses in order to attend a third level institution and to better themselves, from accommodation to transport and food. We are thrilled to launch this project with the support of the Simon Community and Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme. "We know that if students and young people are properly nourished and fed, they have better outcomes and we welcome students of our TUS campus and young people in Clonmel to please reach out and get in touch for support, or come along to our campus and help themselves to some of the pantry items," he said. (PRESS RELEASE 18.11.24)*

Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) asked if some of the Food Cloud could be extended to support schools that have DEIS Status. A wider discussion was held in relation to addressing Food Poverty, food waste and it was agreed to discuss this further within the Healthy Tipperary Working Group. Whilst it was noted that the Sláintecare Project was geographically specific to Clonmel Derval Howley suggested the Healthy Food Made Easy Programme with the HSE could review provision of courses in the Tipperary catchment.

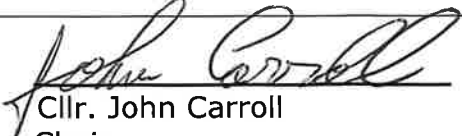
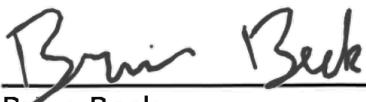
5.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

- Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance meeting held on 28th November
- Dementia Alliance meeting held on 3rd December, collating list of speakers and activities for the cafe network, new posters detailing the cafe in the county for circulation to all of the Primary Care and Public Health
- Tipperary OPC meeting held on 2nd December
- Jimmy Duggan engaging in Back in My Day Volume 3 with the Day Care Services in County Tipperary
- Tipperary Age Friendly will host information day for all Tidy Towns Groups in the county in the TUS college campus on Saturday 18th January

5.4 Planet Youth Tipperary

- 2000 students completed survey across 33 secondary schools
- Survey window was extended to 2nd December to ensure maximum participation
- 14 NEETS engaged across Tipperary and Wicklow. Galway Mayo Roscommon also undergoing survey at present aim to have similar number and we will have 1 school report for this cohort
- Marian Daly, PY Coordinator, attended 3 schools and conducted survey at these schools
- Website and promotion <https://planetyouth.ie/> - all national partner sites have agreed to co-host and update this website with shared resources and content, each county will have its own page on same, this will be undertaken in Q1 2025

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School reports will be received from Iceland end of January early February 2025. Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI) will also work on the data collection and provide updated school reports with Health and Wellbeing targets available April May 2025. • Local Working Group will undertake training on the reports and identify key actions arising from the data collection <p>5.5 Engage in Energy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Workshops have commenced in both Tipperary and Roscrea • School engagement has also commenced in both Tipperary and Roscrea • SETU on board for the overall evaluation of the project as per our project proposal • Agreement with TUS in relation to survey tools for engagement • Presented to Roscrea CAP and to Tipperary Revitalisation Steering Committee on Project • Household leaflet drop in Tipperary and Roscrea key target areas planned for 7th and 8th January 2025 • Household visits will commence end January, early February 2025 • Confirmation that we received extension to the Pilot for 2025 which will see the inclusion of Carrick on Suir, awaiting revised Service Level Agreement on same • Included on the Service Directory for Tipperary Town and contributed to the costs associated with same • Staff in Community will work on directory for Roscrea and Carrick on Suir <p>5.6 Smart Communities Villages – Update</p> <p>Isabel Cambie updated the members on the Smart Communities Villages. Cllr. John Carroll asked if there was much interest in same. Isabel advised that they were currently seeking Expressions of Interest. Brian Beck suggested that Shane Grogan, A/Senior Executive Officer, Planning would attend a Meeting with Isabel Cambie and Michael Murray to pass on his learnings from the Town Centre First Committee meetings in advance of preparing the Smart Villages Plan</p>
6	<p>6.1 LGBTQ1 and Dormant Account Applications</p> <p>Margo Hayes updated the members on the LGBTQ1 and Dormant Account Applications as follows:</p> <p>The 2024 Dormant Accounts Fund Action Plan includes the provision of €150k to support LGBTI+ Community Organisations.</p> <p>Under this measure, funding will be allocated to help provide services to LGBTI+ organisations nationwide targeting marginalised people experiencing exclusion on account of their LGBTI+ identities.</p> <p>We have two projects NTDC LGBT and Clonmel Pride.</p>
7	<p>Children and Young Persons Services Committee</p> <p>Stephanie O Callaghan updated the members on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee, outlining Priority Areas identified for 2025 and that 2025 is the last year of the current CYPSC plan.</p>

8	<p>LCDC Survey for 2025 Workplan</p> <p>Margo Hayes gave an update on the LCDC Survey for 2025 Workplan. She informed the members that a workshop for the LCDC will take place early in 2025. She further advised that we are seeking a representative from the Department of Community and Rural Development (DCRD) to attend. Once we have their availability, a date will be circulated. A survey link will be sent out before Christmas. The information from the survey will help to set the agenda for the workshop and gather information from the LCDC membership on how the LCDC meetings and the LCDC as a committee could improve.</p>
9	<p>Tipperary LECP Update</p> <p>Margo Hayes updated the members on Tipperary LECP and advised that the first monitoring of the plan is taking place though the monitoring platform</p>
10	<p>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultation</p> <p>None</p>
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>It was suggested by Cllr. John Carroll that going forward there would be quarterly in person LCDC Meetings to be held in March, June, September and December (all other meetings to take place on zoom). It was also suggested that a workshop on the workings of the LCDC take place in person. This was agreed.</p> <p>Valerie Kavanagh advised the members that Window 3 of the Community Recognition Fund was now open (closing date of 10th January, 2025). She agreed to email all members the details of same.</p> <p>Derval Howley advised the members that the HSE was being restructured and South Tipperary would now fall under the remit of Dublin South East. She agreed to do a presentation of the restructuring at the March LCDC Meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Marie Murphy asked that the Councillors be kept up to date re Dublin South East area on a monthly basis and Derval agreed to request same.</p> <p>Cllr. John Carroll wished everyone a very Happy Christmas</p>
12	<p>Date for Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 20th January, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.</p>
	<p>Signed:  Date: <u>21/01/25</u></p> <p>Cllr. John Carroll Chair, Tipperary Local Community Development Committee</p> <p>Signed:  Date: <u>21.1.2025</u></p> <p>Brian Beck Chief Officer, Tipperary Local Community Development Committee</p>