

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 16th September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Sinead Carr (Chief Executive), Stephanie O Callaghan (CYPSC), Cllr. John Carroll (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE), Elaine Cullinane (TCC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Colin Cummins (TETB)
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Private Sector: Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Mike Edwards (PPN, Vice Chairman), Pat Carroll (IFA) John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Derry O Donnell (PPN),
(6)

Apologies: Isabel Cambie (STDC), Mike Geary (TUS), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN)

In Attendance: Brian Beck (Director of Services), Margo Hayes (TCC), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Aine Roche (TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC)

1.	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u> The meeting was opened, all were welcomed and apologies were noted.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum The quorum was reached; however, it was noted that the balance was not in favour of the private which is a requirement for decision-making. Therefore member (s) from the Public Sector had to step out for balance</p> <p>1.2 Conflict of Interest None.</p> <p>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions None.</p>
2.	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
3.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 15th July, 2024 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 15th July, 2024 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)</p>
4.	<p><u>4.1 SICAP – Mid Year Review</u> Margo advised the members that the Mid Year Review took place on the 27th June. At the Mid Year review of SICAP, it was noted that there was less</p>

spend on some actions than would be anticipated at midyear (across both lots NTDC & STDC). The LCDC subgroup acknowledge that it has taken some time for the new programme to commence and that this, as well as unfilled positions in some cases had led to an underspend at midyear. However, it was agreed that Quarter 3 review would be useful so that the programme financial element could be monitored again (as the end of year review would be too late). The Q 3 review will take place on October 8th next.

A report on SICAP activities (July, August, September 2024) will be provided at the October meeting of the LCDC.

5. **LEADER 2014-2020**

5.1 NTDC CEO Report

Michael Murray advised that there were two projects to present to this month's meeting.

Projects recommended for decision by LCDC are as follows:

Project Number	Project Name	Project Promoter
IE30NTP100629	John Hanly & Co. (Roof Refurbishment)	John Hanley & Co.
IE30NTP100683	Portroe GAA Club - Community Walkway	Portroe GAA Club

Michael gave a brief description on each of the projects to allow for any questions the members may have:

John Hanly & Co. (Roof Refurbishment)

The purpose of this project is to remove, renovate and replace the existing asbestos and re-roof with a safer material and structure that will support the installation of solar panels for a more sustainable and energy efficient workplace. There are four roof sections and it is planned that the works will be undertaken during the company's annual holiday shutdown period in August of each year between 2025 and 2027.

John O Shaughnessy asked how labour and material increases would be dealt with as the works would be carried out over the next 3 years. Michael advised that John Hanly & Co. were aware that the grant amount would not increase regardless of any increases and he would look at including a clause in the contract to this effect

The quorum was reached; however, it was noted that the balance was not in favour of the private Sector which is a requirement for decision-making. **Three members from the Public Sector had to step out for balance leaving the balance 5/6 in favour of the private.**

NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Project Code:	IE30NTP100629
Promoters Name:	John Hanly & Co.
Description:	The purpose of this project is to remove, renovate and replace the existing asbestos and re-roof with a safer roof material and structure that will support the installation of solar panels for a more sustainable and energy-efficient workplace in the next future phase.
Theme:	1 Economic Development & Job Creation
Sub Theme:	1d Economic Development
Deadweight	This project will not proceed without funding at present
Displacement:	There is no direct competition to John Hanly & Co. locally or indeed regionally as the company are one of the last traditional woollen mills in the country.
Innovation	The Ballyartella Woollen Mills are one of the few remaining Woollen Mills left in the country. The mill has supported the local community in terms of employment for over 130 years, this type of improvement and restoration work is vital to ensure that the building is fit for purpose as well as enhancing their safety and future sustainability objectives. With the installation of future solar panels, it will allow the mill to operate more competitively by saving energy costs as well as reducing their environmental impact.
Reasonableness of costs:	Yes – the procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed with the lowest price selected.
Recommendation of Evaluation Costs	€146,392.50
Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rational for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	The Promoter is a successful manufacturing business that was established in 1893 and is one of the last remaining businesses of its type in Ireland. The heritage and employment value of its existence to the area will be maintained and enhanced.
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	Support the new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy. The purpose of this project is to remove, renovate and replace the existing asbestos and re-roof with a safer roof material and structure that will support the installation of solar panels for a more sustainable and energy-efficient workplace in the next future phase.
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project satisfies the requirements for EURI funding. (Refer to Section 4 – Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document)	Helping to maintain and create jobs in a 130 year old heritage craft business in a rural area.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75%
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards

Seconded by:	John O Shaughnessy
Absenters:	No
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

The above project was agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by John O Shaughnessy.

Portroe GAA Club (Community Walkway)

The purpose of this project is to build a 2m wide c.650m walkway around the 2 existing pitches at Portroe GAA Club. There will also be low level LED lighting on 6m poles to allow for winter evening usage. Portroe like many rural areas have roads unsafe to walk during the winter in particular. The development of the community walkway will alleviate this issue whilst also providing an amenity that will allow a healthy social environment to overcome rural isolation in a rural area.

John O Shaughnessy thanked Michael for the update and advised that he fully supported this project. Cllr. Marie Murphy said that a similar project had been completed in Grange and it was a great success.

NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Project Code:	IE30NTP100683
Promoters Name:	Portroe GAA Club
Description:	The purpose of this project is to build a 2m wide, circa 650-metre walkway around the 2 existing pitches at Portroe GAA Club. There will also be low level LED lighting on 6m poles to allow for winter evening usage. Portroe like many rural areas have roads unsafe to walk during the winter. The development of the community walkway will alleviate this issue whilst also providing an amenity that would allow a healthy social environment to overcome isolation in a rural area.
Theme:	2. Rural infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	2b. Accessible Services
Deadweight	This project will not proceed without funding at present.
Displacement:	There is no direct competition to the proposed walkway in Portroe, the nearest similar facility is in the Silvermines GAA Ground approximately 25km away.
Innovation	A floodlight walkway with ample car parking at the GAA Club will be a huge addition to the local community and become the focal point to meet up/walk/socialise in a safe environment and healthy manner
Reasonableness of costs:	€128,346.75
Recommendation of Evaluation Costs	€128,346.75
Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rational for grant aid, having regard to the business	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary

plan/Local Development Strategy	
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For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project satisfies the requirements for EURI funding. (Refer to Section 4 – Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document)	N/A Community Programme
% level of aid & ceiling:	75%
Proposed by:	Cllr. John Carroll
Seconded by:	Cllr. Marie Murphy
Absenters:	No
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

The above project was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. John Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy.

5.2 STDC CEO Report

There were no projects to present to this month's meeting.

5.3 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)

Fiona Crotty presented the LEADER Income and Expenditure report. The Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was approved by Derval Howley and seconded by Derry O'Donnell.

5.4 Leader – Advocacy for additional funding

Fiona Crotty advised that Isabel Cambie is to provide a report that has been prepared by the ILDN seeking additional funding for the delivery of the LEADER programme, reflecting the reduction in core budget, lack of separate food and cooperation budgets and is seeking endorsement and advocacy of same from the LCDC. It was not available for this meeting and will be included with the agenda documentation for a future LCDC for consideration.

6.

Quality of Life

6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025 update

Aine Roche updated the members on the Healthy Ireland Fund. Examples of some of the programmes being delivered through the Healthy Ireland funding in the Clogheen area and the health indicator being funded is to increase the social activity levels of people aged over 50+. Vee Valley Day Care in Clogheen is one of the delivering partners and a Karaoke machine

was purchased as this is an activity that the participants enjoy and the Day care Centre were renting a machine which was not sustainable long term. Chair yoga classes and weekly physiotherapy classes were also funded through the healthy Ireland fund and the main aim is to increase the numbers engaging with the day care centre and also increasing their weekly social activities. Failte Cahir 5, a side Soccer tournament and family activity day was hosted by Tipperary Sports partnership in Cahir Park FC Grounds through Healthy Ireland funding on Sunday 1st September. This programme was funded under the health indicator to increase the physical activity levels of children and adults in the Cahir area and the target cohort was the non-Irish community living in cahir. There was a 5 a side soccer tournament and the family day was a huge hit with activities such as yoga, dance, cricket, volleyball and face painting. This funding has been committed to TSP up until year 2025.

Another programme delivered through the Healthy Ireland fund and the delivering partner is Tipperary Sports partnership. Delivering under the Health indicator increasing the physical activity levels of adults in the Nenagh area is a 12-week Aqua Fit programme focusing on the older adult cohort. This programme will take place in Nenagh swimming pool starting on 12th September.

Mental Health Week

Aine informed the members that Tipperary Mental Health week takes place from 7th October to 13th October 2024.

The official launch is 27th September in TUS College Campus in Thurles. The main event taking place for the week is a talk by former governor of Mount Joy John Lonergan on 9th October in TUS Thurles Campus.

There are numerous different events and programmes being delivered across the County by all the agencies in this group and all events will be advertised on the Tipp mental health week social media pages.

Healthy Tipperary and Tipperary PPN Health and Wellbeing Roadshows

Healthy Tipperary and Tipperary PPN are partnering to host wellbeing workshops across the Municipal Districts this Autumn. The roadshows will include information stands and health checks and it will also be an opportunity to engage with and input into the review of the Tipperary PPN Wellbeing Vision.



Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann
Tipperary County Council



Healthy
Tipperary



Public Participation
Network **Tipperary**

Please Save the date

Tipperary County Council, Healthy
Tipperary & Tipperary PPN are hosting:
Health and Wellbeing Roadshows
across the County on the following
dates from 12-4pm

- TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER IN THURLES CROKES AC HALL
- TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER IN HALLA NA FEILE CASHEL
- TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER IN NENAGH ORMOND RUGBY CLUB
- TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER IN HILLVIEW TENNIS CLUB CLONMEL
- TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER IN FETHARD TOWN PARK

for more info e mail
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Make Way Day

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

As Access Officer with Tipperary County Council Healthy Tipperary will partner up with the local Irish wheelchair branch and other local disability groups to do walk about and other planned activities in the week leading up to the day.

Cllr. AnneMarie Ryan (Shiner) asked if the walkability could be rolled out in all districts, Aine said the walkability had been done in a number of districts and it was hoped that all districts would be covered in the future.

Cllr. Marie Murphy asked about the Mobile Dementia Bus Unit and Fiona Crotty advised that it would be in the Garda College on the 24th October where people could wear the headphones and experience what it is like to be cognitively challenged. A list of areas the Unit would be visiting would be forwarded to all.

6.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel

Slaintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

Substance Misuse Action Plan

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Healthy Communities Clonmel and informed them that Dr. Marie Walsh is currently working on a further breakdown of data and mapping data to the action plan. She will meet with the four subgroup chairpersons on the 4th October. She will assist the four subgroups on sharing a breakdown of data as requested.

Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) requested an update on the progress of the Clonmel Substance Misuse Action Plan and Fiona advised that the scheme will commence before year end.

Youth Social Prescriber Pilot

The Sláintecare LDO & CYPSP Co-ordinator' drafted an SLA for this pilot project. They will meet with Barnardos to review and sign off by end of September 2024.

Tus Student Council Youth Festival

The Tus Student Council Youth Festival will take place in September, 2024.

Social Inclusive Network

- **Integration – Clubs/Groups/Organisations**

- Derek Fanning (Volunteer Centre) and Stephen Quinn (Sports Inclusion Disability Officer) have collaborated on creating a series of brief and informative videos. These videos will highlight clubs that are fully inclusive, their activities and their approach. They will also underline the vital role that volunteers, a lot of whom are parents, play in enabling the clubs to be accessible to everyone, highlighting the importance of having a consistent and committed volunteer base.
- A showcase event will be organised on Saturday 12th October (Clonmel Venue TBC). This event will give the clubs an opportunity to demonstrate what they offer and their inclusive practices. It will serve as a platform for clubs to highlight their commitment to inclusivity and provide information to interested families/groups.
- **Music generation TETB** are ready to roll out a session to trial their research, they will start with Down Syndrome Tipperary and follow on with a programme for young people with Autism, and to focus on one group in the community at a time to assure meaningful provision and outcomes. They will run two workshops, one for under 8-12, and another for 13 and over.
- **STAC** have organised 6 x 1hr weekly sessions on Saturdays (September) for children and young people with disabilities.

Drug Rehabilitation CE Scheme

STDC have specified an interest in becoming an implementing partner for Drugs CE scheme in Clonmel. A meeting was held on 22nd May with Community Employment, STDC, SERDATF and LDO to discuss scheme. STDC and Slaintecare LDO visited Kilkenny Special Drugs CE scheme on the 11th July. STDC will present the Special CE Scheme to their Board on the 1st August.

Place Standard Tool Training – Old Bridge Clonmel

Old Bridge

Our Community

Our Future



We would like to hear what you have to say about Old Bridge, Clonmel and what is important to you as resident.

Please come along and join in our walkabout and survey on

Wednesday, 2nd October at 10am
at Alison Cronin Dance Hall

Refreshments will be provided followed by lunch and evaluation at
THE TALBOT HOTEL, CLONMEL

RSVP to catriona.crowe@tipperarycoco.ie
or phone/text 087 9723482 by Thursday 26th September, 2024

Funding allocated in 2022 is still available to the Old Bridge residents to develop a community space on a derelict site.

Memorandum of understanding and Business case for Old Bridge lands presented at the July meeting of the Council. Property management are finalising contracts with Old Bridge solicitors.

Place Standard will be rolled out in Old Bridge on the 2nd October 2024.

We are using what is called the "PLACE STANDARD TOOL" which seeks to get Old Bridge community's views and opinions on how good Old Bridge is as a place to live by completing a survey.

The survey gives a voice to the people of Old Bridge on the area's future, its issues and challenges and on what is most important to concentrate on. It will also encourage interest groups within Old Bridge to work more collectively in responding to the issues that might be raised within the survey.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Older Peoples Council Annual General Meeting

Tipperary Older People's Council held its Annual General Meeting on 29th August 2024. Two new members Marie Kelly and Liam Hayes were ratified as new members of the Executive, there are still some vacancies which we will work to fill over the coming months. Mary MacMahon as Chair of Tipperary OPC advised on projects and advocacy since the last AGM, Fiona Crotty as Programme Manager, provided an update on the Tipperary Action Plan 2024-2025, Ciara Farrell Age Friendly Ireland informed those attended on the national policy working groups, Patricia O'Connell from Mary Immaculate College spoke about the Festival of Science 2024 where ageing is a theme and we had Neil Dennehy engaged to talk toon the Art of ageing backwards.

Communication

Tipperary OPC produced a newsletter for the AGM and this is available on the Council website. This will also be posted out to each of the older adult community groups in the county and will be available at our local libraries.

<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/community/age-friendly-cities-and-counties-programme/tipperary-age-friendly-older-peoples-council>

Tipperary PPN produced and circulated a Positive Ageing Week Newsletter which was circulated on 10th September to all registered groups and contacts. This newsletter included consultation on Health and Social Care and Supports for Older People, activities across the Tipperary Library Network, Sports Partnership Physical Activity Plan and activities with Roscrea and Fethard and Kilsheelan Kilcash Active Retirement

National Positive Ageing Week

Positive Ageing Week 2024, in Tipperary, which is an Age Action initiative is "Reframing How We Think, Feel and Act towards ageing and older persons, and inclusion within our communities".

<https://positiveageingweek.com/>

Tipperary County Council and Tipperary Age Friendly offer a small grant scheme to support Older Adult Community Groups in County Tipperary to support social interactions and connectivity and the theme for the national positive ageing week. The grant will support Older adult community groups to host an event 1st to 7th October 2024. A proposed maximum grant of €300 is available. **Tipperary Age Friendly have also partnered with Tipperary Library Service to host events that week across the library network.**

To date we have applications from Ardcroney, Cahir, Castleiney, Kilsheelan, Fethard, MFRC, Annacarty, Roscrea, Thurles, Templemore. A full range of events and activities will be promoted across the county week of 23rd September, and all events will be free to attend.

6.4 Planet Youth

On Tuesday 17th all LCDC, CYPSC and Councillors are invited to a briefing session, hosted by the partners from Wicklow and Tipperary and will include partners from Iceland. This briefing will give a background to the Irish roll out of Planet Youth, the Schools Engagement and Survey, outcomes from other counties and also hear from the Planet Youth Partners. This meeting is being held over zoom.

On Monday 23rd September in the TUS College Campus in Thurles the Leas Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council, Cllr Imelda Goldsboro cordially invites you to attend the launch of Planet Youth Tipperary and Tipperary Project 5 Ways to Wellbeing and Minister Mary Butler will be in attendance and launch of same. Invitation has issued to all LCDC members. We will showcase recordings captured to promote the project on the morning.

The network of Irish Partners have met and engaged heavily over the last few months and have agreed standard 80 questions, that encompass overall Health and Wellbeing and include drug and alcohol and behavioural questions. In the Tipperary and Wicklow survey we will also ask the students to engage on Volunteering, Youth Spaces and activities of interest.

7.	<p>The national network will continue to progress and share best practice and resources and are working on one webpage to showcase all of the Irish Partners.</p> <p>Schools survey and engagement will be undertaken between the 4th and 15th November in both the Tipperary and Wicklow schools</p> <p>Eoin thanked Fiona for all her hard work on Planet Youth. Sinead Carr asked if there was a good geographical spread between schools and Fiona said there was great cross county engagement including Youth Reach settings.</p>
8.	<p><u>Funding Updates</u></p> <p>7.1 Local Enhancement Scheme</p> <p>Valerie Kavanagh updated the members and informed them that all Applications were being processed.</p>
9.	<p>7.2 Community Recognition Fund</p> <p>Valerie informed the members that the last of the 2023 CRF applications were being processed with approx. 85% of the grants claimed. The CRF 2024 had been announced and 16 projects will be funded in the next two years.</p>
10.	<p><u>Local Community Safety Partnership Update</u></p> <p>Margo Hayes updated the members on the Local Community Safety Partnership and informed them that Expressions of Interest were sought for Chairperson of the LSCP. She also informed them that 2 admin staff would be recruited to work with the Partnership. Brian Beck advised that more details of the partnership would be available in October.</p>
11.	<p><u>Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilot Scheme update</u></p> <p>Fiona Crotty advised that we are one of four projects shortlisted nationally for the delivery of the Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Scheme. DCEDIY will issue a press release next week with more details and we would anticipate to receive the Service Level agreement in due course.</p> <p>Derval Howley congratulated Fiona on being one of four selected.</p>
12.	<p><u>Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee</u></p> <p>Stephanie O Callaghan updated the members on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee.</p>
	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>Margo Hayes updated the members on the Bio Diversity Plan and advised that the deadline for submission on the Biodiversity Discussion Paper had been extended until 4.00 p.m. on the 26th September.</p> <p>Margo also informed the members that Coillte were hosting public consultation meetings on the Operational Forest Plans for each BAU in the coming weeks.</p>

Margo also advised that the review of draft guidelines for the LCDC would be forwarded to all for their views and the closing date for any submissions is Friday 20th September, next.

13. Any Other Business

Margo advised the members that the October LCDC Meeting would be Eoin Wolahans (Chairman) last meeting as Chairperson of the LCDC and a new Chairperson would be elected.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st October at 10.00 a.m.

Signed:




Date:

23.10.2024

Eoin Wolahan
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed:



Date:

23.10.2024

Brian Beck
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee