

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 20th January, at 10.00 a.m. via Zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Elaine Cullinan (TCC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE), Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) (TCC)
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Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Mike Edwards (PPN, Vice Chairman), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar), Elaine Baker (PPN), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Mike Geary (PPN) **(7)**

Apologies: Derry O Donnell (PNN), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Colin Cummins (TETB), Stephanie O Callaghan (CYPSC)

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), Sheevaun Thompson (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. Marie Murphy (TCC) 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 return the 2025 Ethics Documents.</p> <p>Cllr John Carroll expressed his condolences on behalf of the LCDC to John O'Shaughnessy on the passing of his Mother and to Michael Murray on the passing of his Father.</p>
1.	<u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed
2.	<u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 16th December, 2024 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u>

3.	<p>The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 16th December, 2024 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by CLLR. Anne Marie Ryan (Shiner).</p> <p><u>SICAP</u></p> <p>Margo Hayes updated the members on SICAP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SICAP Annual Planning process, • The end of year Performance Appraisal • The SICAP Local Government Audit Services (LGAS) Audit • The ESG Reporting structure. <p>Annual Plan</p> <p>Margo provided the relevant dates and deadline for the Annual Plan process; the Annual Plan review took place on December 18th last and there was subsequent meeting after Christmas with the Social inclusion managers if STDC and NTDC. The Plan have been moved back to draft to facilitate changes as required. Pobal have also reviewed the plans and the Pobal review was circulated to the LDCs on last Thursday 16th January.</p> <p>Margo thanked the Social inclusion Subgroup for their time and commitment</p> <p>The Annual Planning process was approved by Mike Geary and seconded by Elaine Cullinane.</p> <p>End of Year Performance Appraisal</p> <p>The End of your appraisal process has to be completed by January 31st and the review will take place by the end of the week either Thursday 23rd January or January 24th.</p> <p>The review will look at the overall performance of SICAP in 2024 including targets and budget spend.</p> <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EIST/ESFG declaration process is going . SICAP is part funded though the ESF and therefore declaration must be provided to a portal. • The LGAS audit of SICAP both the LCDC and STDC) will take place in January 27th and 28th next.
4.	<p><u>LEADER 2023-2027</u></p> <p>4.1NTDC CEO Report (Decision)</p> <p>There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC</p> <p>4.2STDC CEO Report (Decision)</p> <p>There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC</p> <p>4.3Monthly Income & Expenditure Report (Decision)</p> <p>Valerie Kavanagh advised the members that as there were no projects the Income and Expenditure Budget remains the same as December.</p> <p>Approval of the Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy</p>

	<p>4.4LEADER Targeted Call 2024</p> <p>Michael Murray advised the members that the Closing date for the Targeted Call 2024 was Wednesday 18th December. They are going to look at projects with the most value to the Environment. There was 1 targeted call in 2024, enhancing Tipperary Environment, i.e. water quality, lakes and rivers, and renewable energy. There were 80 expressions of interest submitted, a budget of €300,000 with a maximum grant of €60,000. 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 February or March.</p> <p>Derval Howley said it was great to see the level of interest and Meadh Gordon agreed.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Smart Villages Update</p> <p>Cora Morrissey updated the members on Smart Villages on behalf of Isabel Cambie.</p> <p>At the LCDC meeting on the 21st October 2024, South Tipperary Development CLG were successful in their LEADER funding application to offer a bespoke training programme to support 5 South Tipperary communities to develop SMART Sustainable Village Plans (at least one per Municipal District and one of these in a disadvantaged area (as per the SICAP definition of Disadvantage). TUS in association with Community Engagement Partners were awarded the contract. The contractor envisages carrying out the programme in two phases, phase one with 2/3 communities starting this Spring, and the second phase with the remaining communities starting in the autumn. STDC have briefed the contractor about the importance of liaison with District Engineers and District Administrators and they are aware of it, and envisage it happening as the programme evolves in each community.</p> <p>A call for interested communities to participate has been circulated through PPN, with a closing date of 22/01/25.</p> <p>Communities who respond to the invitation, will be contacted by TUS / Community Engagement to discuss their suitability and readiness for participation in the SMART Sustainable programme.</p> <p>The key issue is the capacity of the village / area to bring together the various actors in the community to form a steering group to deliver on the project, including the time commitment involved. This will help to ensure that the communities chosen will get the maximum possible from the project. Following this, TUS/Community Engagement Partners will discuss its findings with the project promoter (STDC) leading to the selection of participants.</p> <p>STDC will provide regular updates to LCDC on the progress of the project as the Local Development Strategy has committed to the development of up to 20 SMART Sustainable Village plans up to 2027, it is likely that there will be further opportunities for participation across the county in the coming years.</p>

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Quality of Life

6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025

Fiona Crotty gave an update on the Healthy Ireland Fund.

Healthy Tipperary Alliance met on Thursday 16th

Financial Return to Pobal for 2024 underway

Period Poverty 2024 deliveries will take place in the coming weeks

Period Poverty 2025 EOI submitted

6.2 Slaintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

Derval Howley updated the members on Slaintecare.

Substance Misuse meeting took place on Friday 17th January

Dr Marie Walsh presented the 8 key priority actions items that arose following the community conversations meetings.

The 4 Cohort groups leaders from the business, parents and schools, clubs and groups, lived experience fed back the commitment of the agencies.

A public meeting will be held on 5th March with the 4 cohort groups to present the findings

Sinead Carr said she had a particular interest in Slaintecare and said she hoped there would be aggressive advertising of the public meeting to take place on the 5th March where very specific actions should be sought from parents, schools, clubs and businesses.

Mike Edwards asked that a representative from the Naloxone Project be invited to the meeting.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Tipperary Age Friendly.

Dementia Alliance meeting 21st January 2025

Tipperary Age Friendly will host information day for all Tidy Towns Groups in the county in the TUS college campus on Saturday 8th February. Speakers included Heritage, Biodiversity, LEADER, LAWPRO, Age Friendly, PPN. 81 Tidy Towns Groups in Tipperary.

Regional Age Friendly CHO5 30th January

OPC Event Q1 – Supporting remaining in your own home, planning under with Older Peoples Council

6.4 Planet Youth

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Planet Youth

1777 Tipperary survey results post data cleanse.

14 NEETS Tipperary & Wicklow, will combine with Galway Mayo Roscommon survey pool to generate a school report, with minimum requirement of 23 students to generate report

School report template reflecting updated survey agreed with Iceland Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland (RCSI) has staff member to support data review, have agreed to provide schools with additional options for further school data headline indicator reports

Local steering group meeting with Planet Youth Iceland 21st January.

	<p>Further meeting with Iceland to review County headline indicators will be agreed, training provided to read the data and approach to data presentation. We will also agree dissemination planning and how we will present the results Then the important stage of Action Planning will commence to address indicators identified in the data collected National advocacy- collective met online 15th and we will meet in person on 29th January to agree approach to sustainability of Planet Youth</p> <p>6.5 Engage in Energy Fiona Crotty updated the members on Engage in Energy. Community Workshops and school engagement underway in both Tipperary and Roscrea Agreement with TUS in relation to survey tools for engagement – Ethics approval in progress Household leaflet drop in Tipperary completed Tipperary Town 7th January, Roscrea will be completed on 31st January Household visits for selected households 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</p>
7.	<p>Funding Updates Val Kavanagh gave a presentation on the Local Enhancement Programme 2025. The Local Enhancement Programme is Funding to support community groups across Ireland. Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and administered by Tipperary County Council on behalf of the Tipperary Local Community Development Committee (LCDC). Targeted at communities to allow them to continue to provide valuable services to the people in their area particularly in areas most disadvantaged. 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>
8.	<p>Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee Fiona Crotty updated the members on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee in the absence of Stephanie O Callaghan.</p>
9.	<p>LCDC Survey Outcomes Margo provided a summary of the survey and outlined the key areas for focus in 2025, training needs and recommendations for the committee going forward in terms of membership, meeting mechanism (i.e. zoom/on person) and decision-making. The summary was circulated prior to the meeting.</p>

10.	<p>Severe Weather De-Brief/Community Preparedness Subgroup</p> <p>Margo Hayes advised the members that as a follow on to the severe cold weather that was experienced on the week of January 6th last, it is being proposed that a subgroup bringing together the HSE, the Tipperary Volunteer Centre, and the PPN be formed to both de-brief and put in place community let Volunteer protocol to deal with future similar events.</p> <p>Derval Howley was involved with something similar led out by Wexford County Council and there are a number of people that were involved in that who might advise us. While local farmers and contractors were involved in the clearing roads and opening access to housing estates during the week, it wasn't in a coordinated fashion and the rationale behind the subgroup may be to create a contact list and an agreed process for such action so that the resources available in Tipperary could be maximised to clear roads and areas if the event was to take place again. This would supplement and support the resources that are being provided by the Tipperary County Council and the Civil Defence</p>
11.	<p>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultation</p> <p>Margo Hayes advised the members that a Housing Representative was asked to address the LCDC February Meeting re actions on LECP.</p>
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>It was agreed 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).</p> <p>Margo Hayes informed the members that this was her last meeting as she was moving on to pastures new. Cllr. John Carroll thanked her for everything and wished her well on behalf of all the LCDC Members.</p>
12	<p>Date for Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 17th February, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.</p>

Signed:




Cllr. John Carroll
Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

Signed:



Brian Beck
Chief Officer,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

21.2.2025

