

**Minutes of the Tipperary LCDC Meeting
Monday 15th September, 2025 at 11.30 a.m., Horse & Jockey Hotel**

- Present:**
- Public Sector:** Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) (TCC), Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC), Stephanie O’Callaghan (CYPSC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Colin Cummins (TETB), Katie Frazer (Teagasc)
- Private Sector:** Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Mike Edwards, Vice Chair (PPN), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar), Derry O’Donnell (PPN),
- Via Zoom:** Elaine Baker (PPN)
- Apologies:** Derval Howley (HSE), John O’Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Mike Geary (PPN)
- In Attendance:** Brian Beck (Chief Officer & Director of Services) (TCC), Sheevaun Thompson (TCC), Cora Morrissey (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Catriona Crowe (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Eoin Kaar (TCC), Cliona Tobin (TCC)

<u>Pre-Meeting Requirements and Conflict of Interest</u>	
(a) Quorum	The Quorum was reached.
(b) Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions	None.
(c) Ethics Documents	All Ethics documents have been returned.

1. Approval of Draft Agenda

The Draft Agenda was agreed.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 21st July 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)

The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 21st July 2025 were agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy.

3. LEADER 2023-2027

3.1 NTDC CEO Report

Michael Murray updated the members on the LEADER budget position for NTDC.

- 8 or 9 EOI's have been received in the targeted call under the Green Economy budget.
- No projects have been received under Agricultural Diversification
- The Rural Tourism & Recreation and Enterprise Development budgets have been exhausted
- There is a project for decision at this meeting under Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprise
- The Rural Infrastructure and Accessible Services budgets are allocated
- There is little uptake under the Environmental theme but they are working with projects in the background
- Michael stated that as they have shovel ready projects within budgets that have been exhausted, NTDC would be looking to reallocate budgets in the near future.

Michael Murray outlined the details of the following NTDC projects to the members:

Environmental Training for Men's Sheds

Project Code:	IE30NTP102645
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	North Tipperary Development Company
Description:	This project will deliver environmental training to the following seven Men's Sheds in North Tipperary – Roscrea, Borrisokane, Ballina, Nenagh, Silvermines, Thurles & Littleton. The training will include 2 separate courses: 1. Biodiversity & Community Gardening. 2. Energy in the home.
Theme:	Sustainable Development of Rural Environment & Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
Sub Theme:	Climate Change Capacity Building

Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	The project will not proceed without funding at present.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	There are no other service providers offering similar courses to Men's Sheds groups in North Tipperary.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	The Biodiversity Course will help to counter biodiversity loss through raising awareness of the issue and will additionally support the establishment of growing areas in Men's Sheds and in some cases the establishment of Community Gardens. The Home Energy course will introduce participants to the newest technologies relating to energy conservation and generation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	The procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed, with the lowest price selected.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	Procurement process provided the most cost effective option.
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	Grant aid of €18,186
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The Training aligns with the LDS. It will provide a skills upgrade and increased awareness of the environment and climate change mitigation. This new knowledge and skills will boost the confidence of the Men's Sheds members providing additional opportunities to assist their families and local community.

	7 x NTDC Men's Sheds supported, 8 x training & capacity building programmes delivered per Men's Sheds.
Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The promoter is a community organisation; the project will provide enhanced results and impacts of programme/strategy
% level of aid & ceiling:	Max level of 100% recommended
Proposed by:	Cllr Marie Murphy
Seconded by:	Elaine Baker
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes – Michael Murray Yes Yes

Mike Edwards asked if the training will include community allotments. Michael Murray said there should be an objective of developing community allotments so they will try to include this. Brian Beck stated that community allotments were discussed at a recent SPC meeting and a way forward is being developed.

Stephanie O'Callaghan asked if child and youth training could also be looked at. It would help them understand how they could engage with young people. Michael Murray said that he would ask the project workers.

Meadhbh Gordon asked if it was just for Mens Sheds members. Michael confirmed that it was.

Elaine Baker asked if women could attend? Michael stated that there are a number of Women's Sheds that catered for women but he can put it to the group. Sínead Carr suggested consulting with the men's sheds first.

Michael Murray declared a Conflict of Interest for this project number IE30NTP102645 and stepped out of the room for the decision-making process. The project was proposed by Cllr Marie Murphy and seconded by Elaine Baker.

Completion of Lorrha Community Hub

Project Code:	IE30NTP102613
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	S.C.E.A.L. Society Limited

Description:	The completion of the extension of Lorrha Community Hall will provide a permanent home for their community hub, this project will add the finishing touches to make the new shop area of the premises look entirely professional. A separate project funded by Pobal will seek to do something similar with the main hall area. The first tranche of works is to fit out the new hub area and new kitchen with appliances, cutlery, furniture, blinds and an outdoor fuel bunker. The second tranche is to paint the interior and exterior, as well as providing signage, a display panel, a safe and a till system. The final tranche of works is comprised of carpentry works to supply fitted units for the hub and the kitchen, and to provide dropped ceilings for a few renovated areas in the hall
Theme:	Economic Development & Job Creation
Sub Theme:	Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprise
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	The project will not proceed without funding at present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	There is no displacement, this is the only community shop/café space servicing Lorrha Village and surrounding area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	This is the only shop in the entire wider parish of Lorrha & Dorrha. It is a vital lifeline for the elderly, the isolated and those with limited transport options.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	The procurement rules as per 2327 LEADER OR 16.3 were followed with the lowest priced quote received selected.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	Grant aid of €34,417.50
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A

Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	This project is the final element of a project that originated in the NTDC funded Lorrha Community Plan of 2018. The project will integrate a local need with a tourism opportunity for the community. Social, Community & corporative enterprise supported. Capital Project in Social Enterprise. Volunteer FTE's created and sustained.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	Enhanced results and impacts of programme / strategy implementation leading to improved social capital.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Max level of 75% recommended
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Katie Frazer
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Maedhbh Gordon commented that it was great to see the programme progress.

Michael Murray thanked Val Kavanagh for her work on the project eligibility. The project was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Katie Frazer.

Stonepark Lodge Caravan Camping & Accommodation

Project Code:	IE30NTP103198
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Stonepark Lodge Caravan, Camping & Accommodation
Description:	This project comprises the following: Extending the existing caravan and camping park, increasing space from 1.6 acres to 3 acres. Insert new roadways throughout the extended area. Create 6 hardcore static mobile home sites with water, electricity and

	sewerage. Create 10 new overnight sites for campers, tents and caravans with electricity and water. Build utility shed for boats and caravan storage. Install a new treatment system to deal with sewerage. Install disposal points for grey water and chemical toilet which are fully compliant with Fáilte Ireland regulations.
Theme:	Economic Development & Job Creation
Sub Theme:	Rural Tourism & Recreation
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	The project will not proceed without funding at this time
• Displacement:	The project will not displace any facility or enterprise as it will enhance many other businesses. Stonepark Lodge is the only park that caters for static mobile homes, tents, caravans and motorhomes on the Tipperary side of Lough Derg. The nearest similar facilities are Mountshannon and Killaloe in Co. Clare. There is also one in Roscrea. All of them are nearly one hour away and they don't all cater for all the above client types. The Promoter has always worked closely with other parks by recommending them to his visitors
• Innovation	Stonepark Lodge is the only Failte Ireland approved caravan park providing toilets, showers, electricity for visitors on the Tipperary side of Lough Derg. It is also the only park in North Tipperary that is open all year round, which allows visitors at any time of the year. It also allows tents, caravans and motorhomes, which is unique in that some parks don't allow all types of visitors. As there are self-catering facilities on site, it means they can offer families, who are visiting as a group, a one-stop shop for their stay
• Reasonableness of costs:	The procurement rules as per 2327 LEADER OR 16.3 were followed with the lowest priced quote received selected.
In house projects: are there other providers	This is not an in-house project

that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€104,533.88
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project is directly supporting the objectives of Fáilte Ireland Hidden Heartlands Tourism Strategy, the Tipperary Tourism Strategy, the Destination Lough Derg Tourism Strategy and the Tipperary LDS. The promotor has been successfully involved in the business for over 4 decades. 1 x Tourism Enterprise Supported. 1 x Tourism Capital Project Supported. 2 FTE's created and sustained.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	Enhanced results and impacts of programme/strategy implementation leading to improved tourism infrastructure in North Tipperary
% level of aid & ceiling:	Max level is 75%. 73.69325% recommended.
Proposed by:	Meadhbh Gordon
Seconded by:	Anthony Fitzgerald
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Sinead Carr asked if planning permission had been obtained. Michael confirmed that it had.

Cllr John Carroll stated he knows of the project and it is of great benefit to the Shannon catchment.

The project was proposed by Meadhbh Gordon and seconded by Anthony Fitzgerald.

Thurles Lions Club (C/O John McCormack)

Project Code:	IE30NTP102615
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Thurles Lions Club (C/O John McCormack)
Description:	The need for a Thurles Heritage Trail has long been identified. However, it was during the recent restoration of the Stanwix Home and out engagement with its history that Thurles Lions Club determined that the building and its environs should be a logical stop on a heritage trail around the town of Thurles. The project now has three elements as follows: (they are looking for LEADER funding for the design elements outlined in numbers 1 & 2) - 1. The design of heritage trail walking route, design of twelve (12) associated signs and signage content in dual language 2. The design of a digital/online element where all 12 signs will be linked to a QR code that facilitates the walker to access further, more detailed information that needs to be collated/presented in both document and video format. The intention is that the host website will be Thurles.ie an existing 'one-shop' site for all services, attractions etc related to the town. The proposal is that once the design and content, as outlines, has been procured and delivered, they will then proceed to the procurement of the manufacture and fitting of the signage as designed with a Local Authority grant facilitating this element.
Theme:	Economic Development & Job Creation
Sub Theme:	Rural Tourism & Recreation
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	The project will not proceed without funding at present
• Displacement:	No, tourism is underdeveloped in Thurles. This proposal will assist in developing the tourism offering for the Mid Tipperary area and to do so in synergy with other towns and villages in the wider hinterland and

	complimenting what these towns have to offer the visitor.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	The Thurles Heritage Trail will be the first such project for the town that will draw together all aspects of the unique and rich history, culture and heritage that the town has to offer and present these as one unified offering for local and visitors alike.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	The procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€29,657.93
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	Community Tourism Project
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The promoter will improve social capital and have enhanced results and impacts of the business strategy and the LDS.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Max level of 75% recommended
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

A decision on this project was deferred from the July meeting as a question arose as to who will manage and maintain the website going forward.

Michael confirmed that the QR codes will be linked to the Thurles.ie website. A Thurles based Website Design Company will host and maintain the Thurles.ie website on behalf of Thurles Municipal District. This Company in place will maintain the Heritage Trail when live. Thurles Municipal District has committed to funding the cost of the website through their own funds.

Meadhbh Gordon and Sinead Carr both queried the previous Thurles Heritage Trail and asked if that would feed into this project. Michael stated that a note would be put into the letter of offer to that effect.

Cora Morrissey asked that the promoter liaise with TCC's Tourism team to promote it on the new Tipperary Tourism website.

Derry O'Donnell stated that the ETB run tour guide courses which may be a useful source.

Elaine Baker stated that there are instances in other countries where signs have been vandalised and asked how could this be prevented.

Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) asked if there are already signs in place as adding more signs could clutter the areas.

Michael stated that he is not aware of existing signs and how to protect them would be looked at.

The project was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Derry O'Donnell.

3.2 STDC CEO Report (Decision)

Isabel Cambie updated the members on the CEO Report and LEADER budget position of STDC.

Ballyporeen Environmental Enhancement Works

A Section 5 planning exemption has now been received for the Ballyporeen Community Council CLG project which was provisionally approved at the June LCDC meeting at a max funding level of 75% amounting to €35,326.87. The full approval of the project was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).

Project Code:	IE30STP102303
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Ballyporeen Community Council Clg
Description:	This project is an integrated approach to addressing Climate Change in a rural

	<p>community. The objective is to enhance the existing community buildings and areas in Ballyporeen with works that promote sustainability. The initiatives in each of the community buildings and area are detailed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Old School House: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Community EV Charging Points (2 no. 22kW charging points) b. Solar Panels (30 no. x 440W solar panels & battery inverter/storage) c. Cycle Stands (6 no. stainless steel stands) 2. Community Hall Works: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. LED Lights (replace light fittings with 161 LED bulb type) b. Efficient Water Boiling System (bespoke workstation with 6kW Eco boiler) c. Community Composting Facility (2 no. 200 Litre roto makers) d. Upgrade Book Return Shelving (larger shelving unit) e. Grey Water Tank (1500 Litre tank and associated rainwater collection) 3. Community Garden Works: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water Filling point - Single Use Plastic (1 no. exterior stainless steel type) b. Water Butt - Roof Run Off (200 litre water but kit for rainwater collection) c. Swift Bird Boxes & Caller (4 no. boxes and 1 no. caller) 4. Community Sensory Garden Works: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Water Filling point - Single Use Plastic (1 no. exterior stainless steel type) b. Water Butt - Roof Run Off (200 litre water but kit for rainwater collection) c. Replant Beds with Pollinator Plants (2 no. beds consisting of 5m² in area) d. Swift Bird Boxes & Caller (4 no. boxes and 1 no. caller)
Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.
Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	Considered and not identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	Considered and not identified

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	<p>This project represents an integrated approach to climate action in a rural village. It addresses the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing energy and thus fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions via the installation of solar panels, EV Charging points, LED Lights and an efficient water boiling system. • Active Travel will be supported by having cycle stands. • Water conservation will be supported through rainwater harvesting at the Hall, Community Garden and Sensory Garden. • Circular economy and waste reduction will be supported by the composting facility, the book exchange and the water refill stations. • Biodiversity will be supported by planting and adding swift boxes and callers in the gardens.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	<p>Yes. The promoter requested quotations from 4 suppliers, they received three responses. The quotes were scored on a combination of price, previous experience and the quality of the proposal. The company who scored highest (who was also the lowest price) was awarded the contract.</p>
<p>In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Recommendation of Evaluation Committee</p>	<p>€35,326.87: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.</p>
<p>Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:</p>	<p>The project involves a suite of environment actions within a small rural village. It is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules</p>

	and the LDS Environment theme which supports community renewable energy, low waste and biodiversity initiatives.
Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. The project represents a bottom up, area based and innovative approach to identifying a suite of environmental actions which collectively can create a real difference and act as an education and capacity building focus for other communities and for people living in the area.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €35,326.87 based on eligible costs of €47,102.50 as per assessment report: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.
Proposed by:	Cllr. Marie Murphy
Seconded by:	Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner
Absenters: Board Approval Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Aiseiri Cahir CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102980
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Aiseiri Cahir CLG
Description:	The Aiseiri Accessibility & Facility Enhancement Project aims to improve access and comfort for all users by addressing key infrastructure needs. This project will focus on essential outdoor and indoor upgrades to enhance accessibility, functionality, and overall aesthetics. The proposed project involves refurbishment, accessibility upgrades, and sustainability improvements at the Aiséirí Cahir premises.
Theme:	Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion

Sub Theme:	Accessible Services
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	Aiséirí is a renowned Irish organisation dedicated to providing comprehensive, abstinence-based treatment for individuals struggling with addiction, including alcoholism, drug dependency, and gambling. They provide a safe and structured environment for those overcoming addiction, offering essential services that promote long-term sobriety and personal growth. Ensuring accessible, comfortable, and well-maintained facilities is critical to supporting their journey.
• Reasonableness of costs:	Yes. The project promoter sought 5 quotations and received 3 quotations for the work. The successful contractor was chosen on the basis of a lowest price that met the project specification. The three quotes submitted demonstrate the costs are reasonable.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€97,893.75
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and with the Tipperary Local Development Strategy, and the Accessible Services Subtheme, which prioritises support

	for Page 9 of 12 enhancement projects that facilitate accessible services, combat discrimination and promote inclusion and wellbeing. The anticipated outputs/indicators are: 1 x community supported; 1 capital multifunctional community facility enhancement; 1 x non-sporting/support initiative/service sustained for rural youth.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project will provide basic services infrastructure improvements that directly support the recovery community and their families. Addiction continues to be a growing challenge, and Aiseiri serves as a vital resource for individuals seeking support, guidance, and rehabilitation. By improving accessibility through pathways and handrails, upgrading essential facilities like the kitchen and sunroom, and enhancing the exterior condition of the building, this project ensures that Aiseiri remains a safe, welcoming, and functional space for all who rely on its services.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs i.e. max grant of €97,893.75 based on eligible costs of €130,525.00 as per assessment report
Proposed by:	Cllr. Marie Murphy
Seconded by:	Pat Carroll
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Isabel stated that as this project could be classified as a Health Care project under section 6.6.2 (Ineligible Sectors and Activities) of the LEADER Operating Rules, she sought approval from the Department as is required. The Department's response was that "*based on the information provided, the Department's guidance is that the above project would be eligible in principle for LEADER funding*". The committee agreed to proceed with the presentation of the project.

Maedbh Gordan asked if the organisation is local or national. Isabel stated that it is a local organisation but operates in other areas of the Country. It is a registered charity.

Elaine Baker queried the ownership structure and if the building will continue in use for the purposes intended. Isabel stated that the lease is on file and there is a rule in place where the building must remain in use for the intended purpose for a minimum period of 5 years from the date of the final grant payment.

Cllr. Marie Murphy stated that they provide a fantastic service and proposed the project. The project was seconded by Pat Carroll.

Tipperary Community Council CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102982
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Community Council CLG
Description:	The promoter is seeking funding for the upgrade of 11 computer hard drives in their IT Training Room at Tipperary Community Services Centre, Tipperary Town to ensure compliance with Windows 11 (due to Microsoft's end of support for Windows 10 on 14/10/2025). The IT Training Room is used for the delivery of basic and more advanced IT courses including the International Computer Driving Licence Workforce (ICDL) courses and others and provides a crucial training resource for the local community
Theme:	Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Accessible Services
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	Tipperary Town is classified as a disadvantaged area and the promoter's vision has always been to listen to the needs of the people of the town and catchment area and offer them the services they require with the best possible outcome. In this instance the demand for basic computer skills has always been high on the list of services. Not only do they supply this service, they also make sure it is accessible to all participants regardless of their financial situation and skill level and ensure all of the supports are in place to help the learners regardless of the educational difficulties and challenges.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	<p>Yes. The promoter sought quotations from three IT providers. Three quotations were received and the lowest-price quote which met the project specification was selected which demonstrates value for money/reasonableness of costs.</p>
<p>In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Recommendation of Evaluation Committee</p>	<p>€5,362.50</p>
<p>Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:</p>	<p>The project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and with the Tipperary Local Development Strategy, and the Accessible Services Subtheme, which priorities support for enhancement projects in disadvantaged areas that facilitate accessible services, combat discrimination and promote inclusion and wellbeing. The anticipated outputs/indicators are: 1 x community supported; 1 capital multifunctional community facility enhancement.</p>
<p>Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?</p>	<p>Tipperary Town is classified as a disadvantaged area so the provision of reliable and local services, training and supports is vital for the town's population. This project aims to maintain and enhance access to accredited computer (ICDL) training and other training courses for all. These classes are available to all and many of their participants are adults returning to education. Many of the participants have literacy and numeracy needs. These</p>

	necessary computer upgrades will allow the promoter to assist them in learning and participating in different ways and increase engagement from the local community.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs – i.e. max grant of €5,362.50 based on eligible costs of €7,150.00 as per assessment report
Proposed by:	Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)
Seconded by:	Stephanie O’Callaghan
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Colin Cummins stated that the TETB provide resources for ETB training and are using the centres devices.

Elaine Baker expressed caution about being reliant on Microsoft. She informed the committee about Linux, a not for profit alternative option. She stated that she will send on the details.

The project was proposed by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) and seconded by Stephanie O’Callaghan.

Coniaka Ltd.

Project Code:	IE30STP102981
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Coniaka Ltd
Description:	Coniaka Ltd wish to purchase three pieces of equipment, which will enable them to increase production and create 10 jobs in addition to the existing 27 in a disadvantaged area in Tipperary Town.
Theme:	Economic Development and Job Creation
Sub Theme:	Enterprise development
Outline the LAG’s consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	The continued development of the bakery, by adding new equipment to improve efficiency and increase capacity is innovative.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	The project promoter sought tenders on E-tenders. They received 1 quote for the equipment which was deemed acceptable.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€145,855.50
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and the Local Development Strategy which highlights capital, support to encourage rural entrepreneurs to develop and grow businesses in Co. Tipperary through support for SME indigenous enterprises, both startup and existing. Support will be directed to new and existing businesses that foster innovation and promote sustainable production and employment. It also actively supports food production as a sector for support. This proposed project meets all these objectives, supporting 1 x Enterprise, 1 x Food Producer, 1 x Capital investment Enterprise and creating or sustaining 37 jobs.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project has been developed by a rural entrepreneur in a disadvantaged area who innovated to fill an identified gap in the market and to create jobs. It is thus a bottom up approach.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs – i.e. max grant of €145,855.50 based on eligible costs of €194,474.00 as per assessment report
Proposed by:	Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel stated that the IEC and STDC staff had reviewed the past accounts, business plan and financial projections for the company during their meeting. Based on the information provided, the IEC agreed to support the project.

Cllr. Marie Murphy stated that in section 20 of the Project Assessment Report the full cost amount was stated instead of the Recommended Grant Amount. Isabel stated that this would be rectified.

Both Mike Edwards and Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) stated that it was an example of a rare success story in a deprived area.

Meadhbh Gordon asked what was the maximum percentage of funding that can be approved and whether less than 75% could be given. Isabel said that 75% is the maximum percentage of funding and the IEC felt they needed this amount of funding for the project to go ahead. The project was proposed by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) and seconded by Mike Edwards.

Southern Eastern Mountain Rescue CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP103219
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	South Eastern Mountain Rescue CLG
Description:	South Eastern Mountain Rescue Association (SEMRA) wish to purchase a drone, accessories and the operational training required for designated mountain rescue personnel. This will enhance the speed, safety and effectiveness of their core search and rescue activities - the prompt location and extraction of missing or injured persons on the mountains and uplands of its catchment area.
Theme:	Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Accessible Services
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	Considered and not identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	The promoter is seeking to use novel cutting edge technology to improve their services to hillwalkers and mountaineers in their catchment area.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	The project promoter sought and received 3 quotations for the work. The successful contractor was chosen on the basis of a scoring matrix including previous experience, interpretation of the project and value for money. The successful candidate was also the cheapest.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€13,351.89
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	This is an innovative project which facilitates access to the outdoors and outdoor recreation, by improving safety. The use of the drone will support volunteers, and the efficiency of mountain rescue, thus saving lives and injury. The project is compatible with the LDS under both the accessible services / rural infrastructure headings and it also helps to support activity tourism. In terms of outputs, it is a capital project upgrading rural infrastructure, a community facility enhancement to promote wellbeing, and a tourism related capital project.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be	This is a truly bottom up project, whereby a community group supplying an essential service on a totally voluntary basis has

demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	identified a need and is now seeking to meet it. The provision of the drone technology will support access to the outdoors by increasing safety for all. It will operate on an area basis.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs – i.e. max grant of €13,351.89 based on eligible costs of €17,802.53 as per assessment report
Proposed by:	Cllr Marie Murphy
Seconded by:	Pat Carroll
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Mike Edwards stated that this is a high spec drone that will cover a large area and save time and resources.

The project was proposed by Cllr Marie Murphy and seconded by Pat Carroll.

Suircan Environmental CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP103249
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Suircan Environmental Clg
Description:	Suircan Environmental CLG wish to carry out a bespoke Volunteer Training programme in repair skills for their volunteers in the Clonmel Repair Cafe
Theme:	Sustainable development of the Rural Environment, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.
Sub Theme:	Climate Change Capacity Building
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	This is the only repair café in the county and is thus innovative.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	The promoter sought 6 quotations for the work, 3 were received, and assessed. The successful supplier had the highest score and lowest price.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€13,530
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	This is the first repair café in Tipperary, and thus is highly innovative. It addresses issues of waste, by fostering a repair culture. Its synergies with the Toy Library, Clothes swops etc make it an important community circular economy initiative. It is thus compatible with the Local Development Strategy and the sub theme of Building Co. Tipperary's capacity to meet the challenge of climate change and biodiversity loss. It addresses the following outputs – 1 x Community supported, 1 training and capacity building programme delivered, 1 x volunteer support programme delivered
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This is a truly bottom up and innovative project, whereby a community group has identified and met a need, developed a strategy and is now seeking to implement it. The development of the Repair Café and Circular Square projects will support improved social capital in Clonmel and lead to a reduction in waste, promoting sustainability through an integrated and multisectoral action. The promoter displays

	excellent networking capacity and this will be leveraged within the project.
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of eligible costs – i.e. max grant of €13,530 based on eligible costs of €13,530 as per assessment report
Proposed by:	Derry O'Donnell
Seconded by:	Elaine Baker
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

The project was proposed by Derry O'Donnell and seconded by Elaine Baker.

3.3 Budget Report

Val Kavanagh outlined the budget position and informed the committee that 39% of the budget including today's projects had been allocated.

Sinead Carr asked if there were any concerns on underspends. Val stated that there was an underspend in the Green Economy budget but the current targeted call should address that. There is also an underspend in the Social, Community & Cooperative Enterprise budget but there may be a targeted call for this next year. There is also an underspend in the Environmental budgets. Val stated that a close eye is being kept on the budgets to ensure an even spend.

Sinead Carr stated that other LCDC's are looking at redistributing budgets and asked if this is something we need to be looking at. Val stated that she met with the LDC's recently and agreed that the budgets would remain the same for the moment.

Maedhbh asked why some of the output percentages are in red. Val stated that this is where there is a large gap between the percentage of budget allocated and the anticipated outputs achieved. They are in red to highlight the gaps.

Michael Murray stated that the LDC's view on postponing the redistribution of budgets has changed since the meeting. Some LDC's are spending with the hope of getting additional funding. NTDC have a number of shovel ready projects. The LCDC will need to review the budgets.

Sinead stated that the LCDC wouldn't want to lose out on the option to seek additional funding. If certain sub-categories are underperforming there needs to be a level of proactivity to get projects under those themes.

Cora asked if we could get a copy of the EOI's for the shovel ready projects.

Brian Beck stated that the aim is to get additional funding but we must be mindful of the ramifications of moving money between themes and sub-themes.

Maedhbh asked if there was potential for CYPSC to develop a project under Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption. Stephanie said that she will look into it.

Sinead Carr again emphasised the importance of rectifying the underspends.

The budget report was proposed by Pat Carroll and seconded by Mike Edwards.

3.4 LEADER Targeted Call 2025 – update

Isabel Cambie notified the committee that STDC received 18 EOI's. 3 of them and ineligible and they are not sure about another 3. The total budget under the call was €370,000 (north & south) and STDC received €559,000 worth of eligible EOI's.

Michael Murray stated that NTDC were also oversubscribed. They received €500,000 worth of EOI's and are currently going through them.

4. Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme (SICAP) Report – STDC

Isabel presented the STDC SICAP report which was distributed to all prior to the meeting.

SICAP Updates

Sheevaun informed the LCDC that 32 staff turned up to a recent collaboration meeting between Community Liaison Officers, Local Authority Integration Team, SICAP Managers and Development Officers.

Sinead Carr said this is the most difficult area to work in but emphasised the importance of SICAP and reaching the most marginalised of society. She noted the number of referrals to homeless services and said that referrals must also be made from homeless services to SICAP. She also said more can be done with the Travellers and Roma target groups and that 85 – 86% of travelers are unemployed.

Sheevaun informed the committee Martina Ryan is the new Social Liaison Officer for STDC. She further stated that a collaboration meeting with the Tipperary Pobal coordinator, the LCDC Social Inclusion sub-group and the LDCs will take place later in September to commence the process of developing SICAP Annual Plans for 2026.

5. LCDC Sustainable Communities Sub Group

Valerie informed the committee that the minutes for the meeting held on 9th June have been agreed and included in the meeting pack. Another meeting took place on 15th July which focused on amending the LEADER Project Assessment Report and Scoring Sheet. These minutes will be circulated once agreed by the sub-group.

6. Quality of Life

6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025

Eoin Kaar updated the committee on the following projects he is working on:

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MenoWell, Day Care Centres, Brothers of Charity, Tipperary Mental Health Week. He informed the meeting Pobal and the Department of Health have granted a 1-year extension to the current Round 4 HI Fund (due to finish end 2025). A new outcomes framework is currently in development for the next iteration of the Healthy Ireland Fund.

6.2 Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

Catriona Crowe updated on the following projects she is working on: -

Research Report Clonmel Substance MisUse, Drugs Rehabilitation CE Scheme, Playful Streets – Glenconnor Hill Clonmel, Youth Prescriber Pilot Project, Clonmel Youth Festival – Applefest. She informed the meeting Clonmel Community Conversations about Substance Use has been entered into the Pride of Place '*Community Wellbeing Initiative*' category. Pride of Place Judging took place on Tuesday 9th September 2025. The Pride of Place awards will be hosted by Limerick City and County Council on Friday, 7th November 2025.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Fiona Crotty updated on the following projects she is working on:-

Positive Ageing Week 2025, Dementia understand Together. She also informed the meeting of the Virtual Dementia Tour will be in Tipperary 20th to 24th October, booking slots in relation to same across the county will be circulated to all the LCDC members.

She also informed the meeting on Thursday 2nd October the HSE and Tipperary Age Friendly will host "Ageing Well in your Community" workshop showcasing HSE services in County Tipperary. This will take place from 10 a.m. to 3p.m. in TUS Campus Thurles. Booking will be required and all

information will be circulated through Tipperary PPN and feature on www.tipperarycoco.ie.

6.4 Planet Youth

Marian Daly, Planet Youth Coordinator will present to the Tipperary CYPSC on 9th September and to the LCDC at the October Meeting.

These will contribute to action plan development and identifying actions for areas of priority across the county.

6.5 Engage in Energy – Local Area Child Poverty Plan

Under this combined CYPSC & LCDC action, Ecovision have begun scheduling household audits again in each of the towns.

We expect the Tipperary Town delivery to be completed by end of 2025.

On 2nd September service engagement took place in Roscrea with a view to identify families within the scope of the project and to set out target groups for community engagement. We anticipate that the Roscrea delivery will conclude in Q1 2026

There was a service engagement meeting held in Carrick on Suir on 4th September which was very well attended and there seemed to be strong interest in the project and the delivery of the Carrick on Suir element will be concluded with both household and community engagement by October 2026.

7. Smart Villages Update

Isabel stated she had no update to share with the committee.

8. Funding Update

2024/2025 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme Measure 1 and the Project Development Measure Funding (ORIS)

Mairead Ryan gave an update on the 7 successful projects as follows:

Project Reference	Project Name	Funding Approved
OR124TY01	Cahir loop walkway	€39,600
OR124TY02	High Kings loop walkway	€37,800
OR124TY03	Littleton Labyrinth Car Park Development	€30,825
OR124TY04	Tipperary Heritage Way Footbridge	€39,600
OR124TY05	Trail the Vales	€36,000

OR124TY06	Water Refill Stations Suir Blueway Clonmel to Carrick-on-Suir	€36,000
OR424TY01	Suir Island Whitewater Channel (Millrace)	€50,000

9. Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations

The following was circulated with the Agenda: -

- Circular No: 07-2025 - 2023-2027 LEADER Programme implementation and delivery requirements
- Coillte Stakeholder Information Notice
- DZ Powering our Communities Poster
- DZ Powering our Communities Flyer
- Mid Tipp DZ Map
- Launch of Tipperary ISL

10. A.O.B

Brian Beck informed the meeting that this would be his last LCDC Meeting and a new Chief Officer will be elected to the LCDC and he thanked everyone on the Committee.

Cllr John Carroll took the opportunity to say that Brian was well regarded and will be missed. He is a very fair person regardless of the challenging portfolio and wished him well.

Cllr Marie Murphy agreed with John and wished Brian well. She also thanked the LCDC for using Decision Time App for the meeting Agenda. She also asked if there was a need to have presentations on the LEADER projects as people can read about them in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to consider this option.

John Carroll agreed and thanked the staff and said it was a credit to them.

11. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 20th October via Teams.

Signed:



Cllr. John Carroll
Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date: _____

Signed:



Brian Beck
Chief Officer,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date: 2.10.2025