

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 15th December, 2025 at 11.00 a.m. via zoom and in person in the
Horse & Jockey**

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Stephanie O’Callaghan (CYPSC), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) (TCC), Damien Ginty (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE),

Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Elaine Baker (PPN), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Mike Geary (TUS), Mike Edwards, Vice Chair (PPN), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar)

Apologies: Sinead Carr (Chief Executive (TCC), Colin Cummins (TETB), Derry O’ Donnell (PPN), Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC), John O’ Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Morne Gouws (PPN)

In Attendance: Sheevaun Thompson (TCC), Cora Morrissey (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Aine Roche (TCC), Elaine O’ Driscoll (TCC)

	<p align="center"><u>Pre-Meeting Requirements and Conflict of Interest</u></p> <p>(a) Quorum The Quorum was reached.</p> <p>(b) Conflict of Interest Michael Murray declared a conflict of interest in the NTDC TRU 2025 LEADER Project. Isabel Cambie declared a conflict of interest in the STDC Biodiversity and Climate Action Training 2025 LEADER project.</p> <p>(c) Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions None</p> <p>(d) Ethics Documents All Ethics documents have been returned for 2025.</p>

1.	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>												
2.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 17th November, 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 17th November, 2025 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Mike Edwards.</p>												
3.	<p><u>LECP implementation update</u> Sheevaun Thompson gave a power point presentation on the LECP year end update. She informed the members that the LECP initial Implementation Plan 2024-2025 was launched in June 2024 and would be reviewed and revised in 2026. There are 5 High level goals (111 goals in total), 11 supporting actions, 44 Economic objectives and 67 Community objectives. 5 of the Community objectives have not been commenced, however, she advised that the internal mapping project when completed would progress these objectives.</p>												
4.	<p><u>LEADER 2023-2027</u></p> <p>4.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision) There were no changes to the NTDC CEO Report.</p> <p>Michael Murray outlined the details of the following NTDC project to the members for approval.</p> <p>The TRU Project</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; padding: 5px;">Project Code:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">IE30NTP103477</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Project Promoter Code:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">The TRU Project</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Promoters Name:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">North Tipperary Development Company</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Description:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Three local development companies wish to collaborate on a capacity building initiative for three rural towns in each of their areas, namely Templemore (Co. Tipperary), Rathdowney (Co. Laois) and Urlingford (Co. Kilkenny). The initiative will focus on an action plan for the shared hinterlands. The plan will focus on the opportunities and challenges of the region with the aim of developing a connected, sustainable, community-driven strategy for the next five years. This work will be carried out within the framework of the EU Smart Village Programme.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Theme:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Sub Theme:</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation</td> </tr> </table>	Project Code:	IE30NTP103477	Project Promoter Code:	The TRU Project	Promoters Name:	North Tipperary Development Company	Description:	Three local development companies wish to collaborate on a capacity building initiative for three rural towns in each of their areas, namely Templemore (Co. Tipperary), Rathdowney (Co. Laois) and Urlingford (Co. Kilkenny). The initiative will focus on an action plan for the shared hinterlands. The plan will focus on the opportunities and challenges of the region with the aim of developing a connected, sustainable, community-driven strategy for the next five years. This work will be carried out within the framework of the EU Smart Village Programme.	Theme:	Sustainable Development of Rural Environment and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.	Sub Theme:	Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
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Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	The project will not proceed in the absence of LEADER funding
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	Displacement is not an issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	As this is a training initiative the primary goal of the project is to build the skills and know the three communities with regard to Smart Village processes. The primary output is the development of a cohesive opportunities for the region for specific project (e.g. tourism, environmental etc. using the Smart Villages Framework. This is a new and innovative initiative in the region
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	Laois Partnership Company on behalf of the 3 development companies advertised the request for tender for this initiative on Activelink. Four comparable tender responses were received. Two of the tenders were disqualified as they did not meet the requirements. The remaining two were scored in line with the selection award criteria as set out in the RFT
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	Cooperation project between 3 development companies – Laois Partnership Company, Kilkenny LEADER Partnership and North Development Company
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	Grant aid of €12,000.00
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 a cooperation project between three local development companies who wish to collaborate on a capacity building initiative for three rural towns in each of their areas, namely Templemore (Co. Tipperary), Rathdowney (Co. Laois) and Urlingford (Co.

	Kilkenny. The initiative will focus on an action plan for the shared hinterlands. The plan will focus on the opportunities and challenges of the region with the aim of developing a connected, sustainable, community-driven strategy for the next five years. This work will be carried out within the framework of the EU Smart Villages Programme.
Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	LEADER funding will enable the delivery of a training programme that would not proceed without public support. The training workshops will provide the necessary and varied support for barrier free and inclusive participation.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Laois Partnership Company seeks grant assistance of €12,000 (to a ceiling of €12,000) which represents 100% of one third of the total cost (€36,000) of this cooperation project
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Derval Howley
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Michael Murray declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed himself from the decision-making process.

Michael Murray requested an extension for the following projects which were noted.

Project No / Code	Promoter	Project Title
IE30NTP101015	Loughmore Castleiney GAA	Community Walkway at Loughmore Castleiney GAA Grounds.
IE30NTP100956	Moycarkey Coolcree Athletic Club	Moycarkey Coolcree AC Community External Exercise Development
IE30NTP102129	Lions Club of Roscrea	Roscrea Biodiversity Park

IE30NTP101503	North Tipperary Development Company CLG	The Wool Partnership
IE30NTP100904	Thurles Sarsfield GAA	Thurles Community Walkway and Orchard

4.2 STDC Projects & CEO Report (Decision)

There were no changes to the STDC CEO Report.

IE30STP102322	Dualla Community Association Clg	Dualla Community Solar Initiative
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Isabel Cambie advised the members that a Section 5 Planning exemption has now been received for the Dualla Community Association CLG project which was provisionally approved at the June LCDC meeting and asked that full approval be given to the project. Full approval on the project was agreed (max grant aid of €16,599.37 ie 75% of €22,132.50) on the proposal of Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

Isabel Cambie outlined the details of the following STDC projects to the members:

Tipperary Tourism CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP103606
Project Promoter Code:	Tipperary Tourism CLG
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Tourism CLG
Description:	This project involves the production of a feasibility study which will assess the viability of developing Motorhome, Caravan and Camping sites across the county to disperse the benefits of tourism. It will investigate the value of developing a network of providers in Tipperary and part of the research would include consultation with providers to establish if there is an appetite for a cluster network within the county and will also be utilised by potential new entrants to the market.
Theme:	Economic Development and Job Creation
Sub Theme:	Rural Tourism & Recreation

Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	This is a first of its kind in Tipperary and it's innovative of its approach as it came from stakeholder consultations through the Tipperary Tourism Roadmap 2025-2030. The feedback from stakeholders has been very positive as the development of a feasibility study will mutually benefit communities, tourism development and indigenous industry in the potential dispersal of economic benefits.
• Reasonableness of costs:	The promoter sought email quotations from 5 consultants for the project on the basis of responses to project specifications. Three quotations were submitted which demonstrate value for money and reasonableness of costs for the project. The procurement rules as per the RDP OR V3, 15.4. were followed, with the Most Economically Advantageous Tender selected based on a scoring criteria provided.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A – not an in-house project
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	Grant Aid of €26,789.40 ie 90% of eligible costs of €29,766.00
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:	

<p>Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?</p>	<p>Developing and promoting Co Tipperary as Ireland's leading inland tourism and recreation destination is one of the Local Objectives stated in the Co Tipperary Local Development Strategy (LDS) 2023-2027. This project supports analysis and development for a collaborative body to foster the development and add value to existing and potential tourist products, attractions and activities and is therefore aligned with that objective.</p> <p>Tipperary Tourism CLG provides a collaborative and cooperative approach to promoting, marketing and developing the region as a premier destination. The membership includes tourism enterprises, public bodies and community-based recreational groups in the region and demonstrates the added value of the LEADER bottom-up approach to rural development</p>
<p>% level of aid & ceiling:</p>	<p>Grant Aid of €26,789.40 ie 90% of eligible costs of €29,766.00</p>
<p>Proposed by:</p>	<p>Pat Carroll</p>
<p>Seconded by:</p>	<p>Cllr. Marie Murphy</p>
<p>Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:</p>	<p>Michael Murray Yes Yes</p>
<p>Michael Murray declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed himself from the decision-making process. Damien Ginty declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed himself from the decision-making process.</p> <p>Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) asked if the sites would be county wide or localized and it was confirmed that they would be county wide.</p> <p>Maeve Gordon asked if the transport links could be looked at when accessing sites and Isabel confirmed she would pass on her request and revert.</p> <p>Cllr. Marie Murphy asked if the study considered the current clamping facilities that the county has and Isabel Cambie confirmed that it would.</p> <p>Approval of the project was agreed on the proposal of Pat Carroll and seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy.</p>	
<p>Biodiversity and Climate Action Training South Tipperary</p>	
<p>Project Code:</p>	<p>IE30STP103776</p>

Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	South Tipperary Development Company
Description:	South Tipperary Development CLG wish to engage Community Engagement Partners in a consortium with Cabragh Wetlands Trust to deliver an innovative training programme to advance Biodiversity knowledge and practice within individuals and communities. The programme will also incorporate elements of Climate Action and Sustainable Development to support a systems approach to addressing biodiversity and habitat loss. There will be two components to the programme a) an intensive year long programme and b) a community outreach programme
Theme:	Rural Environment, Climate Action and Mitigation
Sub Theme:	Capacity building re climate change
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	A year long biodiversity training programme which covers 3 habitats over a year is innovative and such a programme is not available in Tipperary or surrounding counties.
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	A year long biodiversity training programme which covers 3 habitats over a year is innovative and such a programme is not available in Tipperary or surrounding counties.
• Reasonableness of costs:	Yes. The project promoter sought 6 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?	No, as a Local Development Company, STDC is best placed to deliver Biodiversity and climate action training as it has an effective outreach service, can leverage the knowledge of its other programmes, and can offer follow up supports to the individuals and communities involved.

Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	Grant aid of €30,639.30 ie 100% of €30,639.30
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:	Project is compatible with LDS and relevant theme / subtheme, and has achieved the score above based on the detailed criteria in the project scoresheet.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project is designed to develop capacity in the important areas of Biodiversity and Climate Change. This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. The project will lead to increased social capital within the participants and their communities. Of the 7 LEADER principles this addresses 1) area based local developments, 2) Bottom-up approach, 3) Innovation and 6) Networking.
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of eligible costs of €30,639.30 ie €30,639.30
Proposed by:	Cllr. Marie Murphy
Seconded by:	Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	Isabel Cambie Yes Yes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maeve Gordon asked will the actions areas across the 4 seasons be covered, Isabel confirmed that they would be. • Maeve also asked if Fisheries Ireland and Coillte be included to support the areas as they are important stakeholders to be involved. Isabel confirmed that they would. • Derval Howley suggested that the 25 leaders involved be leaders form the community so that they can bring back the knowledge etc to their own Community and provide further knowledge to the rest of the community.

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- Sheevaun Thompson requested that the course should be made an accredited course to add value to it and to give the people something back in return for doing the training.
- Fiona Crotty asked has the course linked in with the PPN climate coaches Isabel stated that she would have to find out and get to Fiona.
- Cora Morrissey suggested putting a cost on the course, as from experience sometimes when there is not a cost people are less inclined to do the course or put value on it and also asked is there an action plan to come out of the training. Cora asked how will they reach the hard to reach communities.
- Cllr Annmarie Shiner Ryan would they be linking in with PPN and also would they in contact with Alan Moore from head grows Ireland to educate the training group on this aspect.
- Stephanie O Callaghan requested could it be a train the trainer course so that the people doing the course could re train other people in their Communities,
- Cllr Marie Murphy asked how the applications for the course would be done would it be an open call.
- At the end of the presentation Isabel offered to share the documentation regarding the project to the LCDC members.

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Isabel Cambie declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed herself from the decision-making process.

Approval was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)

4.3 Budget Report (Decision)

Aine Roche presented the Income and Expenditure Budget Report.

Approval of the Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was proposed by Pat Carroll and seconded by Mike Edwards.

4.4 Ineligible EOI's

Aine Roche updated the members on ineligible EOI's and it was agreed that the Sub Group would look at drawing up guidelines on Expressions of Interest and Ineligible Expressions of Interest.

4.5 LEADER Annual Work Plan 2026

The LEADER Annual Work Plan 2026 was agreed and approved at the November LCDC Meeting

4.6 LEADER Targeted Call 2024 - Update

Michael Murray and Isabel Cambie updated the members on the LEADER Targeted Call 2025. Applications have been received by both NTDC and STDC and are being assessed.

SICAP

Sheevaun Thompson informed the members that she, together with Martina Ryan, SICAP Programme Manager, STDC and Kate Madden, SICAP Programme Manager, NTDC gave a joint presentation at each of the five Tipperary Municipal

District Meetings in November on "Raising the profile of SICAP". There was great interest in the programme.

Sheevaun updated the members on SICAP Plans 2026, KPI's and timelines and presented two SICAP case studies via short videos.

Quality of Life

6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025

Fiona Crotty updated the members on the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025:

Healthy Ireland National Steering Group

- Attended 2-day Healthy Ireland Review and Planning Meeting (2nd/3rd Dec) in Wexford with HI National Coordinators and Sláintecare Local Development Officers
- Topics discussed – Work Programme Survey, Political Leadership Matters, HILG Work Programme Discussion 2026-2030, New Operating Environments; Opportunities for HILG & Programmes
- The new HI 2026-2030 Outcomes framework is expected June 2026

MenoWell Programme – Feedback

- Programme complete - 17th October to 27th November (6 weeks), 250+ women signed up to classes and resource library across Tipperary

Be Well Programme

- 1 x new 4 week Be Well programme in running (week 3) in Clogheen (Community Hall) Tue 11am-1pm
- Free to adults of all ages (funded by Healthy Tipperary), delivered by Neil Dennehy Health Matters

Older Adult Accessible Outdoor Exercise Equipment - Cahir

- Healthy Tipperary funded new outdoor exercise equipment for older adults and people with disabilities in Cahir (Swiss Walk). Tailormade Coaching are delivering weekly community exercise classes to encourage movement and use of outdoor exercise equipment.
- Final class before Christmas is Sat 13th Dec 11.30am, returning Sat Jan 3rd 11.30am

Good2Go Workshop – older adults with & without disabilities

- Healthy Tipperary coordinated a half day workshop for services working with older adults and adults with disabilities.
- The workshop was delivered by Fit Walk Ireland (Frank Fahey) and provided staff with new activity ideas, knowledge and

resources to encourage more regular movement and physical activity in service users.

- 18 staff attended, services included – Brothers of Charity, Day Care Centres, Millenium FRC, Age Friendly Roscrea, RehabCare, HSE, IWA, Moorehaven.
- Healthy Tipperary will provide further supports with equipment packs and a follow up training programme in early 2026.

6.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel (Substance Use Action Plan)

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Sláintecare initiatives:

Clonmel Substance Use Action Plan update – December 2025

Summary: 4 of 21 actions (19.0%) have delivered 2025 milestones; 13 (61.9%) are in progress; 1 (4.8%) are planned for early 2026; 3 (14.3%) require acceleration. Prevention is a long-term effort; momentum and active delivery are str Highlights Delivered (2023 - 2025)

- Youth Festival expanded into public realm (TUS Clonmel & Applefest).
- New schools programme on substance use impacts launched (Nov 2025) and public Trends workshop delivered.
- Drugs in Sport: policy training offered to all clubs (expand in 2026).
- Garda partnership strengthened: Sgt Graham Deegan designated; Superintendent endorsement.
 - Youth prescriber project – pilot extended to 2026 and 2027.
 - Playful Streets

Hard Actions for 13–24-year-olds

Parents

- Engagement remains low: 15 parents signed up, only 1 actively engaged.
- Need for renewed outreach and practical opportunities for involvement

Emerging Initiatives

- Gardening Project for Parents and Teens – Foster intergenerational engagement, outdoor activity, and mental well-being.

This work, in time, can lead to the development of a Parent Action Charter – a co-designed set of commitments addressing parties, supervision, social media, and alcohol access.

Recent Engagement

- Working closely with Elm Park to identify local needs and opportunities.
- Co-designing activities that appeal to both parents and young people.

Next Steps

- Community Garden Planning – Meeting with Elm Park residents on 10th December.
- Parent Forums – 2026
- Outreach During Drugs Education Rollout – Engage parents throughout the new fit-for-purpose programme.

Challenges & Opportunities

- Low engagement requires creative outreach and trust-building.
- Drugs education rollout offers a key opportunity to re-engage parents.

Schools:

Plans are in development and will require school buy-in:

- Embed the new drugs education programme across primary, junior, and senior cycles, incorporating findings from the Planet Youth survey and Clonmel Substance Use research.
- As part of Planet Youth survey outputs, propose introduction of mandatory meetings for all first-year students and again in Transition Year. These sessions should:
 - Highlight evidence that students' actions and attitudes matter.
 - Provide a set of collective actions that students and parents can commit to, including:
 - Attending joint Parent–Student evenings.
 - Supporting peer-led initiatives.
 - Agreeing to shared guidelines on substance use prevention.
 - Identify referral pathways to the Youth Prescriber initiative.

Vintners & Hospitality:

Finalise legislative pathway with TCC solicitor and elected members; interagency subgroup working on anti-social behaviour due to Substance Misuse.

Clubs: Adopt and publish Drugs & Alcohol policies and Codes of Behaviour for all underage teams; Full Support from Substance MisUse service to work with clubs - designate a Club Substance Use Lead per club; integrate short "team talks" and parent brief-ins per season; expand smoke/vape-free sidelines. Need buy-in from clubs and groups.

Risks

- Lived Experience Cohort (IP.1–IP.2) delayed – re-engage this group - agree timeline
- Children used in distribution (3P.3) needs re-engagement → Mitigation: schedule meeting (Gardaí–Tusla–DATF) and agree a joint protocol.

Drugs Debt Intimidation & Violence Risk

Drug-related debt intimidation and violence is an emerging risk impacting individuals, families, and communities. The absence of a formal reporting mechanism locally increases vulnerability and perpetuates harm.

National Framework:

- The **DRIVE Model** (Drugs Related Intimidation and Violence Engagement) is being implemented nationally

Local Position:

- No Drugs Debt Risk Register currently exists in Tipperary.
- Inspector **James White** (Gardaí) is the designated contact for Tipperary and is open to exploring a local register.

Proposed Actions:

- Re-engage with DRIVE implementation team to confirm training and reporting protocols.
- Collaborate with Gardaí, SHCP LDO, and community/voluntary organisations to develop and promote a local Drugs Debt Risk Register.
- Inform local representatives to cascade awareness and reporting pathways to communities.

Lead Contacts:

- Gardaí: Inspector James White
- SHCP LDO
- Community/Voluntary Organisations

Substance Use Community Conversations Updates

Parents Cohort Subgroup Update

The Parents Cohort subgroup continues to focus on enhancing family well-being and community engagement through co-designed initiatives. The aim is to strengthen parent-child relationships, promote positive mental health, and create inclusive spaces for social connection.

Emerging Initiative

Gardening Project for Parents and Teens – Objective: Foster intergenerational engagement, outdoor activity, and mental well-being. Benefits include strengthening family bonds, promoting healthy lifestyles, and building community pride and environmental awareness.

Recent Engagement

One parent has been very proactive, showing strong interest and commitment to shaping the initiative. We are now meeting with parents in Elm Park with the view

to identify local needs and opportunities, co-design activities that appeal to both parents and young people, and build a sustainable model for ongoing engagement.

Next Steps

Meeting with Joe in Elm Park during on the 10th December to discuss local ideas & community garden spaces.

Engage parents, young people, and community representatives in shaping the project.

On 20th and 21st November, we hosted two community training sessions titled: "Understanding Substance Use Patterns, Local Trends & Effective Response" at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel. These workshops were developed in response to the *Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Misuse* and form part of the Clonmel Substance Use Action Plan.

What was Covered:

- Current substance use trends and emerging patterns
- How to recognise signs of concerning use
- Early warning systems and information-sharing approaches

Speakers & Contributors:

- Stacey Lyons – NVDAS
- Dawn Russell – Ana Liffey Drug Project & NVDAS
- Sara Cassidy – Aiséirí Addiction Treatment Centre
- Sergeant Graham Deegan – An Garda Síochána

Next Steps:

- Continue awareness-building and prevention initiatives
- Roll out Drugs & Alcohol Policy Training and SHARPS training in 2026

Youth Prescriber Pilot Project

- We have secured funding to extend the pilot for another two years through CYPSC and Sláintecare seed funding, which will allow us to gain a deeper understanding of its impact.
- The long-term vision is to transition from pilot phase to mainstream national funding, acknowledging the vital role youth social prescribing plays in prevention and early intervention.
- We had a positive meeting with the Department of Health on 12th November, where they approved the allocation of 2026 seed fund money to support the pilot for an additional year. They expressed strong interest in the concept of transitioning from pilot phase to mainstream national funding and committed to researching this further.
- A follow-up meeting is scheduled with them on 10th December.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Tipperary Age Friendly Alliance will host its Q4 meeting on 11th December and agree dates for 2026 including action development workshop in February 2026.

The Executive of Tipperary Age Friendly will also meet in December and agree dates for 2026 including local community engagement workshops. Tipperary Age Friendly Plan 2024-2025 will be reviewed in line with the LECF timeline with a view to developing an updated Action Plan for 2026-2027

We continue our partnership with Understand Together and Tidy Towns with the development of a national campaign which will be launched in early 2026. Following the Tidy towns results, Tipperary Volunteer Centre supported the preparation of result documents for each of the participants in Tipperary. In March 2026 Tipperary Age Friendly will once again host a workshop for all tidy towns groups in the county, supporting their development, encouraging participation and undertaking dementia awareness training and projects.

Energy Cloud

Tipperary Climate Action and Tipperary Age Friendly are exploring replicating the Cork Energy Cloud Project within the decarbonisation zone, this is at early stage of development. For more details on energy cloud project see this link

Cork Award Project

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Non-Irish Community -

Discussions are at an early stage on developing a volunteer pool within ALONE to support the non-Irish Community in County Tipperary. This will involve Tipperary Volunteer Centre, ALONE, Tipperary Local Authority Integration Team and Age Friendly. The intention is to seek and support the ALONE befriending and phone support service to those living within the county through various language dialects and reduce isolation.

Cultural Engagement

Discussions have been held with Clonmel Junction Festival with the ambition to have a wider audience and sustained engagement with arts in the South Tipperary catchment. We will explore Creative Ireland funding opportunities to support cultural engagement across the county.

6.4 Planet Youth

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Planet Youth

A successful event showcasing Planet Youth in Ireland was held on 19th November. This was part of an overall Erasmus Project where the major showcase focused on outcomes and impacts of Planet Youth across the country. The details of the conference and speakers were circulated at the November LCDC.

The full County Tipperary report is available on this link <https://tipperary.planetyouth.ie/data-research/> and we will in the coming weeks upload the MD specific reports. Marian Daly, Fiona Crotty & Stephanie

O'Callaghan presented to the Plenary of Tipperary County Council at their December meeting.

6.5- Local Area Child Poverty Plan Engage in Energy

Department of Children Disability and Equality will host a workshop with all 4 national pilots in January 2026, together with UL who will conduct a research on the processes engaged by all the 4 pilots and establish learnings across same.

Smart Villages Update

Isabel Cambie gave an update on Smart Village.

Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee

Stephanie O Callaghan updated the members on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee.

Funding Updates

Announcement of Local Enhancement Programme 2026

Fiona Crotty advised the members that the Local Enhancement Programme 2026 was launching at 2.00 p.m. today and going live on line. Maeve Gordon asked that feedback be sent to the department expressing concern that the LEP Scheme does not cover operational costs. This was agreed.

CLAR 2025 Measure 1 Update

Mairead Ryan updated the members on the CLAR 2025 Measure 1 and advised them of the successful Projects.

Correspondence, Submissions and Consultation

John Carroll advised that Circular 11 – 2025 – V6 updates to the 2023-2027 LEADER Operating Rules were uploaded on One Advanced for noting.

A.O.B

John Carroll informed the members that the Ethics documents were uploaded on One Advanced and should be completed and returned in early January.

Date of Next Meeting

Monday 19th January, 2026 – Via Teams

Signed: 
Cllr. John Carroll
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date: 19-1-2026

Signed: 
Damien Ginty
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date: 19-1-2026