

Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held Monday 17th November, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. via Teams

Present:

Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Stephanie O'Callaghan (CYPSC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) (TCC), Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC)

Private Sector:

Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Mike Edwards, Vice Chair (PPN), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Elaine Baker (PPN), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar)

Apologies:

Derval Howley (HSE), Colin Cummins (TETB), Mike Geary (PPN), Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Sheevann Thompson (TCC)

In Attendance:

Damien Ginty (Director of Services) (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Elaine O'Driscoll (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Aine Roche (TCC), Mary McLoughney (TCC), Catriona Crowe (TCC), Eoin Kaar (TCC), Cora Morrissey (TCC)

Pre-Meeting Requirements and Conflict of Interest	
(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 on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 20th October, 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)

The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 20th October, 2025 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Stephanie O Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).

3. Presentation by Eddie Meegan, Climate Action Officer – “Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan LCDC Update 2025”

Eddie Meegan, Climate Action Officer, Tipperary County Council gave a presentation on “Tipperary County Council Climate Action Plan 2025”. He advised that the plan contained 100 Climate Actions plus 37 Decarbonising Zone Actions. Cllr. John Carroll thanked Eddie for his presentation.

LEADER 2023-2027

4.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Michael Murray informed the members that there were no projects to present by NTDC this month.

4.2 STDC CEO Report (Decision)

Isabel Cambie informed the members that there were no projects to present by STDC this month. Payments were moving on and a Project Evaluation Committee meeting would be held in the next two weeks.

4.3 Budget Report (Decision)

Aine Roche advised the members that as there were no projects to present this month, the budget report remains the same. The budget report was agreed and approved on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by

John O Shaughnessy.

4.4 LEADER Annual Work Plan 2026 (Decision)

Fiona Crotty updated the members on the LEADER Annual Work Plan 2026 which was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by

Derry O Donnell.

4.5 LEADER Targeted Call 2025 – update

Michael Murray NTDC and Isabel Cambie STDC updated the members on the LEADER Targeted Call 2025. Isabel advised that STDC had sent out nine applications and the closing date is the 8th of December.

4.6 Ineligible EOIS

Aine Roche updated the members on the Ineligible EOIS. She advised that there were eleven Ineligible EOIS, (four for STDC and seven for NTDC).

Cllr. Annemarie Shiner asked how ineligibility was determined and Michael

Murray advised that there were a number of reasons set out for example

general Community Groups, Private Groups were not eligible, however they

would always advise if they were eligible under other schemes. Isabel

Cambie also advised if there was any doubt re eligibility, they would check

with the Department and have it clarified.

4.7 LEADER – Project Code: IE30NTP102129 (NTDC – Change of Name) Fiona Crotty advised the members that in order to satisfy Article 48, a request was submitted to amend the name on one of the NTDC Projects (Project Code IE30NTP102129) presented at the March LCDC meeting. The promoter on this project is Roscrea Lions Club and not Roscrea Biodiversity Park as previously recorded. The change of name was noted and approved for amendment.

5.

SICAP UPDATES

Cora Morrissey updated the members on SICAP. She informed the members that the Social Inclusion Sub Group met on the 5th of November last to discuss the process of agreeing SICAP Annual Plans 2026 and will meet again on the 21st November.

6.

QUALITY OF LIFE

6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025
Eoin Kaar updated the members on the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025.
Menowell

- Running from 17th October to 27th November (6 weeks), 250+ women signed up to classes and resource library across Tipperary
- Delivered by EduFit, the programme supports and educates women in preparation for changes in mid-life, the menopausal transition, and life after menopause.

Be Well Programmes

- 2 x 6 week Be Well (physical activity & health education) programmes running in Cahir (Community Hall), & Nenagh (Nenagh Leisure Centre).
- 1 x new 4 week Be Well programme starting in Clogheen (Community Hall) Tue 18th Nov 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) delivered this week.

Gurtagarry Community Grow Garden

- Healthy Tipperary funded a training course for the community grow garden group in Gurtagarry.

- Slaintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel and Healthy Tipperary are partnering with parkrun with a national communications campaign that will run through the winter months.

6.2 Slaintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

Catriona Crowe updated the members on Slaintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel.

Substance Use Community Conversations Updates - Schools Cohort

The session was convened to introduce a new, fit-for-purpose Drugs Education Programme tailored to the evolving needs of Clonmel schools. The initiative is a direct response to findings from the Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Misuse and the Tipperary Planet Youth survey, which identified further training and education as the top priority action. The meeting was very well attended.

Upcoming Substance Use Trends & Community Response Training

In response to the Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Misuse, a two-day community training workshop titled "Understanding Substance Use Patterns, Local Trends & Effective Response" will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Poppy Fields, Clonmel.

Youth Prescriber Pilot Project

This pilot has already demonstrated real value as a preventative action under the Clonmel Substance Misuse Action Plan. We are exploring the possibility of extending the pilot for an additional 1-2 years to gain a deeper understanding of its impact.

Old Bridge Community Group (OBCG)

Catriona Crowe Slaintecare Healthy Communities LDO met with 13 members of the OBCG on the 22nd October. The following items were discussed:

- Service Level Agreement (SLA)
- Old Bridge to Suir Blueway Link
- Legal Update
- Maintenance & Environmental Updates

Slaintecare Healthy Communities National Conference

The first-ever Slaintecare Healthy Communities National Conference took place on the 21st October, which brought together people from health services, local government, and community organisations. It was a valuable opportunity to connect with others working in the programme and to hear about the impact it's having across the country.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Tipperary Age Friendly. The Virtual Dementia Tour took place in Tipperary, Clonmel, Thurles and Nenagh 20th to 24th October with up to 32 people attending each day from a range of services across the County.
On 4th November Tipperary Age Friendly Steering Group members met with Irish Rail on the development of Templemore Rail Station as an Age Friendly Station, the first in County Tipperary identified by Irish Rail and this will be followed up in the coming weeks with a walkability audit at the station with a wider group facilitated by Age Friendly Ireland.

On Friday November 14th Tipperary will launch its third "Back in My Day" Reminiscing book at the Fethard Day Care Centre. On Tuesday 18th November we will host our quarterly Dementia Alliance network and agree speakers, content and promotion for the coming months.

6.4 Planet Youth

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Planet Youth.
The Tipperary Steering group held meeting on 3rd November reviewing county report, draft action plan and agreeing outcomes

The National Steering group will meet on 9th December with the focus on survey amendments, any ethical approval arising from same, development of national model

6.5 Engage in Energy

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Engage in Energy.
Local Area Child Poverty Plan Engage in Energy

Tipperary County Council have received our revised Service Level Agreement which was returned on 6th November. This provides for the budget provision of €85,000 for the second phase of this pilot. This agreement is on behalf of Tipperary CYPSC & LCDC.

The second phase sees the inclusion of Carrick on Suir in the pilot study areas.

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Smart Villages Update

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CYPSC Updates

Isabel Cambie gave a presentation on the "Smart Sustainable Village Training Programme".

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Funding Updates

- IPSS Funding
- Parenting Awareness Fund
- Tipperary Parent Hub Website
- Outcome Subgroups Updates on selected priorities in 2025
- CYPSC Young Ireland and Healthy Ireland Funded Projects 2025


9.1 Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/25 – Measure 2 and 3 Funding Announcement

Mary McLoughney updated the members on the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/25 (ORIS) and informed them of the "Measure 2 and 3 Funding Announcement".

9.2 LEP Grant Reallocation Proposal

Fiona Crotty informed the members of the Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) Grant Reallocation Proposal. The sum of €11,963.34 was not drawn down and it is proposed to put this sum towards the purchase of two generators to be used during red level weather warnings. Three generators are being provided at National Level and it is the intention that by purchasing two more, there would be one generator per Municipal District. Elaine Baker asked if it would be possible to look at purchasing community batteries instead of generators. Derry O'Donnell echoed Elaine's request. Damien Ginty said that we needed a reliable source of power and batteries might not be reliable. Sinead Carr said there was no issue with looking at purchasing batteries, however, this could take some time and as the purchase of generators would be instant, it might be a better idea to purchase same at this stage in the year. The purchase of the two generators was agreed in principal on the proposal of Stephanie O'Callaghan and seconded by Isabel Cambie.

- 10. Correspondence, Submission & Consultations**
- The LCDC Meeting Dates for 2026 were agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Stephanie O Callaghan.
- 11. AOB**
- Isabel Cambie informed the members that STDC has recently received €134,000 in funding.
- Cllr. John Carroll extended congratulations to John O' Shaughnessy on receiving two awards at the County Tipperary Chamber Business Awards. The first award recognises John's long standing contribution to both local and national businesses and the second award saw Clancy Construction named "Best Family Business"
- 12. Date of Next Meeting**
- Monday 15th December – In Person at the Horse & Jockey Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary.**

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

Date: 15/12/2025

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

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