

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 20th October, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. via Teams**

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Stephanie O'Callaghan (CYPSC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Derval Howley (HSE), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) (TCC), Colin Cummins (TETB)

Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Mike Edwards, Vice Chair (PPN), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Elaine Baker (PPN),

Apologies: Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Mike Geary (PPN), Catriona Crowe (TCC), Eoin Kaar (TCC)

In Attendance: Damien Ginty (Director of Services) (TCC), Sheevaun Thompson (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Aine Roche (TCC), Mary McLoughney (TCC)

Before the meeting commenced, a vote of sympathy was extended to Anna Ryan, (Staff Member) and family Amy, Katie and Shane (former Staff Member) on the untimely passing of her husband Philly Ryan.

John Carroll welcomed our new director of services, Damien Ginty.

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

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 15th September, 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)**

The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 15th September, 2025 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) and seconded by Mike Edwards.

3. **Presentation on Planet Youth – Marian Daly, Planet Youth Tipperary Co-ordinator.**

Marian Daly, Planet Youth Co-ordinator gave a presentation on "Planet Youth Tipperary – Update".

Cllr. John Carroll asked how does violence in the home compare with National average? Marian said she did not know the answer but would make enquiries and revert.

Sinead Caar thanked Marian for the presentation and said it was really interesting and informative. She said the number of homeless presenting was increasing all the time and mental health was becoming a huge issue.

Derval Howley complimented Marian on a fantastic report.

Mike Edwards thanked Marian for her presentation and also thanked Sinead for her interest in mental health.

Cllr. Marie Murphy said Marian's presentation was food for thought. She asked if it would be possible to make the presentation to all Councillors at a Council meeting? Cllr. John Carroll supported Cllr. Murphy's request.

Marian Daly informed the members that each school would have access to the report and that they hoped to do a social media campaign and press release in the near future. She also advised that they had offered to give a presentation to the parents of first years before they started secondary school.

4. **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.

4.3 Budget Report (Decision)

Val Kavanagh 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 Stephanie O Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. Marie Murphy.

Val Kavanagh advised the members that NTDC and STDC will prepare a work plan for 2026 which will go to the Sustainable communities Sub Group for discussion and then to the LCDC for sign off.

4.4 LEADER Targeted Call 2025 – update

Michael Murray NTDC and Isabel Cambie STDC updated the members on the LEADER Targeted Call 2025. Val Kavanagh asked if the development companies would be holding a webinar for applicants and they agreed to discuss and revert.

5. **SICAP Updates**

Sheevaun Thompson informed the members that NTDC had submitted a list of Third Party Contractors for noting and approval. The list was agreed and approved on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Stephanie O Callaghan. Sheevaun also gave a brief presentation on SICAP.

6. **Quality of Life**

6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025

Fiona Crotty updated the members on the Health Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025

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- Starting this Friday 17th October, running for 6 weeks, Partnership with EduFit to deliver a Free (funded by Healthy Tipperary) 6-week online expert led and evidence-based exercise and health education programme for women aged 30+
- The programme is designed to support, educate, and empower women in preparation for changes in mid-life, for women experiencing the menopausal transition, and for supporting women in life after menopause.
- The programme consists of 2 x 40 min exercise classes per week, and 1 x health education masterclass each week.
- Anyone that signs up has lifetime access to the on-demand library where they can find the weekly exercise classes and informational resources.

Be Well Programme

- We have 2 x 6 week Be Well programmes starting Wed 22nd October, Cahir (Breathe Yoga Studio), & Nenagh (Nenagh Leisure Centre).
- Programmes consist of physical activity and health education, delivered by Neil Dennehy (Health Matters).
- Free to adults of all ages (funded by Healthy Tipperary)

Tipperary Mental Health Week

- Tipperary Mental Health Week concluded last week.
- Hugely successful week of events from 6th-12th October across Tipperary, with a culminating event on Friday 10th October to mark World Mental Health Day.
- Workshops, trainings, remembrance walks, health fairs, signposting events & a main public event. Huge work and effort put in by members of the working group this year.

Older Adult Accessible Outdoor Exercise Equipment

- Healthy Tipperary providing older adult and accessible outdoor exercise equipment for a new area of the Swiss Walk in Cahir.
- It will provide exercise opportunities to older adults and people with disabilities and will aim to encourage disability groups to engage with the space, with easy access from the car park to the exercise area.
- Healthy Tipperary will provide an exercise instructor to deliver training sessions at weekends to support local individuals and groups in correct use of equipment.

6.2 Slaintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel

Derval Howley updated the members on Slaintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel.

Substance Use Community Conversations Updates

Stimulant Awareness Overdose training

- Planning is currently underway for the delivery of Overdose Awareness Training in Clonmel on the 20th and 21st of November 2025. This initiative is being organised collaboratively by the National Voluntary Drug and Alcohol Sector (NVDAS), the HSE, and Tipperary County Council through the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme.
- The training will be open to all relevant cohort groups across Clonmel and aims to enhance awareness, promote harm reduction, and build community capacity to respond effectively to drug-related emergencies.
- Further logistical details, including venue arrangements and participant coordination, will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

Playful Streets –

- Residents of Glenconnor Hill enjoyed another successful Playful Streets event in bright sunshine on September 23rd. Families, children and neighbours gathered on their street to enjoy an evening of games, laughter and a real sense of community. The event was supported by Tipperary County Council through the Housing Community Liaison team, with Catherine O'Connor in attendance, alongside Community Garda Fiona, Ian & Rob from Tipperary Sports Partnership, and Jane, Youth Prescriber. Funded through Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Playful Streets is part of the wider programme to promote health, wellbeing and stronger neighbourhoods across Clonmel.

Clonmel Youth Festival – Applefest

- The Tír na nÓg Youth Festival took place in Clonmel from 25–27 September 2025, expanding from a one-day pilot to a successful three-day youth-led event.
- Organised by students of the Technological University of the Shannon (TUS) and supported by the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme through Tipperary County Council, the festival aimed to promote creativity, inclusion, and wellbeing among young people aged 14–24.

Festival Highlights

Day 1 – TUS Clonmel Campus:

Creative workshops, mindfulness sessions, street games, and animation screenings, alongside popular features like the petting farm and free refreshments.

Day 2 – The Main Guard:

Launch of Scrying: Water as the Wellspring of Creativity, a visual art exhibition created in partnership with Durham College (Canada).

Day 3 – Kickham Plaza:

Joint activities with Clonmel Applefest, including art and craft sessions for young people and families.

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Excellent attendance and strong engagement from local youth.

Enhanced student leadership and event management skills.

Strengthened collaboration between TUS, Tipperary County Council, and community partners.

Contributed to Sláintecare’s objectives of promoting health, wellbeing, and community connection.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Tipperary Age Friendly.

On Thursday 2nd October the HSE and Tipperary Age Friendly hosted a successful workshop “Ageing Well in your Community” showcasing HSE services in County Tipperary. This was the main event for Positive Ageing Week 2025, combined with a wide range of events held across the Library network and Community groups in the county.

The Virtual Dementia Tour is in Tipperary 20th to 24th October, booking slots in relation to same across the county have been circulated to all the LCDC members.

On Thursday 16th October Age Friendly hosted its first Housing Information Workshop at the Horse & Jockey Hotel. This featured Liam Ryan, Housing Age Friendly Technical Expert, Aoife McGrath Age Friendly Healthy Homes and Olive Loughnane Citizens Information. The next workshop will take place on November 13th.

Working with Age Friendly Ireland and Irish Rail on the development of Templemore Rail Station as an Age Friendly Station, the first in County Tipperary identified by Irish Rail.

6.4 Planet Youth

Marian Daly, Planet Youth Co-ordinator gave a presentation on "Planet Youth Tipperary - Update" to the members.

6.5 Engage in Energy

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Engage in Energy.

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, Roscrea end of Q1 2026 and Carrick on Suir by project end October 2026.

7. Smart Villages Update

Isabel Cambie advised the members that there was no update on Smart Villages this month

8. Funding Updates – Local Enhancement Programme 2025

Val Kavanagh advised the members that every effort was being made to ensure that the groups drawdown the grant money. She informed them that there may be some underspend and a proposal re same will be put forward at the next meeting.

9. Correspondence, Submissions & Consultation

Fiona Crotty informed the members that Coillte have invited stakeholders to submit recommendations into a current consultation process. She will coordinate a response from the LCDC.

Sheevaun Thompson advised that the Community Climate Action Fund is open for applications on the 1st December.

10. AOB

A vote of sympathy was extended to Mike Geary on the death of his father-in-law, Tony O Sullivan, Doonard, Tarbert, Co. Kerry

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 17th October – Via Teams


Signed:



Cllr. John Carroll
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date: _____

Signed:



Damien Ginty
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date: 20/11/2025