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Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Aitiúil
Chorcaigh Thiar
West Cork Local Community Development
Committee

**Minutes of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Tuesday 25th October 2016 @ 14.30
Cork County Council Offices, Kent St., Clonakilty, Co. Cork.**

PRESENT: Mr. Finbarr Harrington (Chairman)
Ms. Clodagh Henehan, Divisional Manager, Cork County Council
Cllr. Declan Hurley, Cork County Council
Cllr. Rachel McCarthy, Cork County Council
Mr. Kevin Curran, Head of LEO
Ms. Máire Ní Shé, Udarás na Gaeltachta
Mr. Colm Leen, Cork Chamber
Mr. John Kennedy, Youth (Foróige)
Ms. Eileen O' Shea, Civic Society
Cllr. Noel O' Donovan, Cork County Council
Cllr. Pat Murphy, Cork County Council
Mr. Cornelius Buckley, IFA
Mr. John Walsh, Comhar na nOileán Teo
Mr. Enda McWeeney, Cork ETB
Mr. Ryan Howard, SECAD

APOLOGIES:
Mr. Ian Dempsey, WCDP
Ms. Maria Hurley, Department of Social Protection
Mr. Cathal Wilson, Cork County PPN
Ms. Phoebe Bright, Environment Pillar

IN ATTENDANCE:
LCDC Support Team
Mr. Niall Healy, LCDC Chief Officer, Cork County Council
Ms. Kay Keegan, Cork County Council
Ms. Fiona Hayes, Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis, Cork County Council

The Chair Mr. Finbarr Harrington began the meeting with the introduction of new member to the LCDC West, Mr. Cornelius Buckley representing the IFA, to replace the previous representative Mr. Richard Connell. Mr. Harrington then welcomed Ms. Kay Keegan of Cork County Council who will take over as Chief Officer of the Cork West LCDC post December.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of 19th September 2016 and Matters arising

On the proposal of Cllr. Declan Hurley and seconded by Mr. Kevin Curran the minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 19th September 2016 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

2. Local Economic & Community Plan – update

The Chief Officer reported to the LCDC that Minister Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government launched the first round of six-year



Local Economic and Community Plans, at the National Ploughing Championships, in Screggan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly on the 20th September 2016.

The County Mayor, Cllr. Séamus McGrath launched the Cork County Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP) 2016-2021 on Monday, 10th October in County Hall, Cork. The Chief Officer thanked the LCDC members for their attendance at the launch.

3. Community Development Initiative (CDI) 2016-2020

The Chief Officer outlined progress on the CDI to date. Members of the LCDC have received a copy of the draft policy document. Issues outlined within the policy included the following;

- The fund is a 25% top up to the LEADER fund for Cork County
- It will commence this year
- The Fund will be administered through the LCDC
- The Fund rules can be administered in line with LEADER but not under the same rules
- The Fund will be administered as 25% for the Local Development Companies to animate community and voluntary groups and 75% to be used for projects (in house and external)
- There will be a rigorous documentation of applications
- The LCDC will need to be cognisant of the 'De Minimus' Rule of LEADER before granting projects under the CDI if it then precludes them from LEADER funding
- The issue of ongoing or confined calls was discussed
- The issue of an application form was discussed
- The issue of other funding and communication to communities regarding this was raised

In order to protect the private sector majority for the decision making part of this item Mr. Kevin Curran, Ms. Clodagh Henehan and Mr. Enda McWeeney withdrew from the meeting. The time of withdrawal was noted as 2.57p.m.

The Community Development Initiative Policy was proposed by Cllr. Pat Ger Murphy and seconded by Cllr. Declan Hurley.

4. Correspondence.

None.

5. Any Other Business.

Cllr. McCarthy reported that the Western Committee had undertaken to write to Minister for Arts, Heritage, Regional, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs, Heather Humphreys TD regarding the funding for the West Cork Area under the Rural Development Programme i.e. LEADER.

6. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th December 2016 at 14:30.

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)

Date of meeting: _____



Signed:

CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

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