



**Minutes of  
North Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 14.30.  
The Board Room, Cork County Council, Anabella, Mallow, Cork.**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr. Gerard Murphy, Cork County Council (Chairperson)  
Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, Cork County Council (Vice Chair)  
Mr. James Fogarty, Cork County Council  
Cllr. John Paul O'Shea, Cork County Council  
Ms. Carmel Fox, Ballyhoura Development Group  
Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow  
Mr. Kevin Curran, North Cork LEO  
Ms. Brid Coakley, Cork County Public Participation Network (PPN)  
Mr. Sean Kelly, Cork County Public Participation Network (PPN)  
Ms. Marie O'Flynn, Dept of Social Protection  
Mr. Michael Doyle, Environment Pillar  
Mr. Julian O'Keeffe, IFA  
Ms. Margaret Fenton, Respond! Housing  
Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondu Blackwater Development Partnership  
Ms. Geraldine Canning, Cork Education & Training Board

**APOLOGIES:**

Cllr. Noel McCarthy, Cork County Council  
Mr. Declan O'Leary, Foróige

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**LCDC Support Team**

Mr. Niall Healy, LCDC Chief Officer, Cork County Council  
Mr. Fiona Hayes, Community & Enterprise Development Officer  
Mr Andrew Lewis, Cork County Council  
Ms. Noelle Desmond, Cork County Council

**PPU Support Team**

Mr. Pio Condon, PPU, Cork County Council

**It was agreed to take Item 4 –LECP Update was taken as the first item on the agenda.**

**Item 4 Local Economic & Community Plan**

An update was presented by Mr. Pio Condon, Planning Policy Unit. The content of LECP presentation and proposed Next Steps were noted by Members. It was noted that the next stage of the LECP would involve public consultations over 3 week period commencing on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

The following points were raised during discussion;

- Query on the Quality of Life Survey response rate
- Interest in the Family and home life, health, community and friendship section
- Potential to feed into the National Spatial Strategy
- Transportation issues, time more important than distance
- Cork to Limerick Motorway issues
- Lack of community and crèche facilities, amenities and post offices in communities



- Social Capital
- Schools and numbers attending
- Housing for rural towns to support communities
- Family Unit is changing, need support for this
- Broadband issues in the Duhallow area

Cllr. Gerard Murphy thanked Mr. Condon for the presentation.

### **1. Confirmation of Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and Matter arising**

On the proposal of Mr. Sean Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kevin Curran the minutes of the North Cork LCDC meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were agreed and adopted by the meeting.

Matters arising included;

- An email of revised standing orders to be issued to the North LCDC members
- Update on the request to meet with Minister Ann Phelan was given and explained that this meeting was postponed by the Department and the Chief Officer awaits a rescheduling of this
- Update on the Funding announced for €30million is sought by the LCDC
- It was agreed that a sub committee of the Leader committee should examine this in due course with relevant Council Management /Municipal District staff attending
- Mr. Healy reported that an email had been sent in December 2015 with a query on this proposed funding and was advised that a committee had been established nationally to set up a scheme. No further circulars had been received
- Members of the LCDC commented that ‘joined up thinking’ would be required

### **2. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

The Chief Officer, N. Healy informed the committee that members are obliged to declare any conflict of interest in relation to the Agenda Item 3: ‘SICAP 2015 End of Year Report and 2016 Annual Plan’.

Ms. Carmel Fox, Ballyhoura Development Group Ltd., Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow Ltd., and Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd. all declared conflict of interest in relation to this item on the agenda and left the meeting at 15.20.

### **3. SICAP**

- **2015 End of Year Report**
- **2016 Annual Plan**

It was reported that the SICAP Subgroup met on 27th January to review:

- 2015 end of year performance
- Draft SICAP Annual Plan for 2016.

The Sub-Group deemed the performance by the Programme Implementers Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd, Ballyhoura Development Group Ltd. as satisfactory and approved the 2015 end of year report as well as the Action Plan for 2016.

In order to protect the private sector majority for the decision making part of this item Mr. James Fogarty and Mr. Kevin Curran withdrew from the meeting. The time of withdrawal was noted as 15.35.



On the proposal of Ms. Margaret Fenton, seconded by Mr. Julian O'Keefe; the SICAP 2015 end of year performance was approved by Members.

On the proposal of Ms. Margaret Fenton, seconded by Cllr. Bernard Moynihan, the SICAP Annual Plan for 2016 was approved by Members.

Ms. Carmel Fox, Ballyhoura Development Group Ltd., Ms. Maura Walsh, IRD Duhallow Ltd., and Mr. Sean Hegarty, Avondhu Blackwater Partnership Ltd. returned to the meeting. The time of return was noted as 15.50.

#### **5. Rural Development Programme LEADER 2014-2020 – update**

The Chief Officer provided an overview on progress with the North Cork LCDC bid for LEADER 2014-2020 funding.

- North Cork Local Development Strategy (LDS) was submitted in October 2015
- Pobal sought clarifications in early November and the LDS working group had a week to respond
- A response was made to these queries
- The LDS was considered by the Evaluation Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> December
- Further queries were received on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 with 2 months to respond
- The LDS working group met and resubmitted answers to the queries on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- The issues seeking clarification included;
  - Detail on the experience of the LAG members on LEADER Programmes and funding
  - Linkage between the needs of the area outlined in the LDS and the actions
  - Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms
  - Proposed Evaluation Committee Structures

Cllr. Bernard Moynihan complimented the working group and staff on their efforts to date.

#### **6. Lobbying Act 2015**

Mr. Healy referred to the guidance note and highlighted page 6 that references a transparency code. The LCDC is subject to the Act and it was agreed that it would seek exemption from the Act by complying with the transparency code, i.e. information sharing on website etc.

In order to protect the private sector majority for the decision making part of this item Mr. James Fogarty and Mr. Kevin Curran withdrew from the meeting. The time of withdrawal was noted as 16.05.

To seek exemption status from the Lobbying Act - proposed by Ms. Brid Coakley and seconded by Mr. Julian O'Keefe.

Mr. James Fogarty and Mr. Kevin Curran returned to the meeting at 16.07.

#### **7. Correspondence-None**

#### **8. Any Other Business-None**

#### **6. Date of Next Meeting**

Date of next meeting was provisionally scheduled for **21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 14:30.**



*Meeting Concluded*

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

**Date of meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**Dated:** \_\_\_\_\_

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