

**Rural Development LEADER Programme 2014 – 2020
 South Cork LCDC Minutes
 Council Chamber, County Hall, Cork**

Date: 13th December 2018

Time: 10.00am.

LCDC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Name	Organisation	Public (7)/ Private (7)
Cllr. Michael Hegarty (Chair)	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr Ger Keohane	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Lyne	DSP	Public
Mr. Peter Dineen,	PPN	Private
Cllr. Marcia Dalton	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Arran O’Driscoll	WCDP	Private
Mr. Donal O’Liathain	Udaras na Gaeltachta,	Public
Mr. Thomas McHugh	Cork Chamber	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondu/Blackwater Development Group CLG	Private
Mr. Sean O’Sullivan	Head of LEO South Cork	Public
Mr. Martin O’Brien	PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD Partnership CLG	Private
Mr. Jimmy Hosford	Agricultural Pillar	Private
Mr. Declan Daly	Cork County Council	Public

LCDC MEMBERS APOLOGIES:

Name	Organisation	Private (3)/Public (2)
Mr. John Fitzgibbon	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Mary O’Leary	Environmental Pillar	Private
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Brian Williams	Youth Pillar	Private
Vacant	Civic Society	Private

ABSENT: N/A

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Kay Keegan	LCDC Chief Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer	Cork County Council
Ms. Valerie Hayes	Administrative Officer	Cork County Council
Apologies: Ms. Sharon Corcoran	Director of Services	Cork County Council

<p>Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up + 1 = 11) In attendance = 14 (7 Private: 7 Public) Apologies = 5 Total membership = 19</p>

Welcome and Introduction.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 22nd November, 2018

The minutes of the South Cork LCDC meeting of 22nd November, 2018 were proposed by Cllr. G. Keohane , seconded by Mr. S O'Sullivan and formally adopted by the meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. SICAP Annual Plans

It was reported to the meeting that the LCDC SICAP Sub Group members had reviewed the Annual Plan for 2019 submitted by the Local Development Company and had met with officers from SECAD to discuss the contents of the plans. It was the recommendation of the SICAP Sub Group to the LCDC, to provisionally approve the Annual Plans for 2019 at this stage. The final approval can only be made following the successful approval of the Annual Performance Review for 2018 which will be completed in February 2019.

The meeting agreed the provisional approval of the SICAP Annual Plans on the proposal of Mr. J. Hosford, seconded by Mr. S. Hegarty.

There was a discussion regarding the current rules under the Tús Social Employment Scheme. The Tús initiative is a community work placement scheme providing short-term working opportunities for unemployed people. The work opportunities are to benefit the community and are provided by community and voluntary organisations in both urban and rural areas. The Tús initiative is managed by local development companies for the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP), which has overall responsibility for the scheme. Participants on the Tús Scheme must leave after 12 months and cannot participate again for 3 years.

Members considered that the restrictions were causing difficulties for participants and for the communities benefitting from their work. The meeting agreed that the 12 months was too short for participants to fully benefit from the Scheme and that communities have become dependent on the valuable work being carried out in the community by participants on the Scheme.

It was agreed on the proposal of Cllr. M. D'Alton, seconded by Mr. D. O'Liathain that a letter to DEASP would be forwarded to DEASP on behalf of the LCDC, requesting that the terms of the Scheme be revised.

Ms. K. Keegan thanked members of the SICAP Sub Group, Mr. J. Fitzgibbon, Mr. B. Williams and Mr. J. Lyne for their work and to the CCC team led by Andrew Lewis.

4. Any Other Business

None

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the 7th February, 2019.

Meeting Concluded

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

Date of Meeting: _____

Signed: _____

Cllr. Michael Hegarty
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: _____

