



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

Date: 7th February 2019

Time: 10.00am.

LCDC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Name	Organisation	Public / Private
Cllr. Michael Hegarty (Chair)	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr Ger Keohane	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Lyne	DSP	Public
Cllr. Cathal Rasmussen	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Fitzgibbons	Cork ETB	Public
Ms. Arran O’Driscoll	WCDP	Private
Mr. Brian Williams	Youth Pillar	Private
Mr. Thomas McHugh	Cork Chamber	Private
Mr. Sean Hegarty	Avondhu/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
Ms. Mary O’Leary	Environmental Pillar	Private
Mr. Declan Daly	Cork County Council	Public

LCDC MEMBERS APOLOGIES:

Name	Organisation	Private /Public
Mr. Peter Dineen,	PPN	Private
Cllr. Marcia Dalton	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Jimmy Hosford	Agricultural Pillar	Private
Mr. Donal O’Liathain	Udaras na Gaeltachta,	Public
Vacant	Civic Society	Private

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms. Kay Keegan	LCDC Chief Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer	Cork County Council
Ms. Lorraine Hogan	Administrative 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 13th December, 2018

The minutes of the South Cork LCDC meeting of 13th December, 2018 were proposed by Mr. S. Hegarty, seconded by Ms. A. O'Driscoll and formally adopted by the meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. SICAP End of Year Review 2018 and Approval of 2019 Annual Plan

Mr. A. Lewis advised the meeting that the SICAP sub-group had met with the Local Development Company (SECAD) and reviewed a report outlining the SICAP performance for the 2018 financial year. The Sub-Group was satisfied with the performance in 2018 as KPIs had exceeded targets. It was acknowledged that there was a sense of frustration around the reporting requirements in the first year of the programme, but that this is a new system and that the process should improve over time.

The Chair thanked Mr. J. Fitzgibbons, Mr. J. Lyne and Mr. B. Williams for their work on the Sub-Group.

The meeting agreed the approval of the End of Year Review 2018 on the proposal of Ms. M. O'Leary, seconded by Cllr. G. Keohane.

The meeting then were in a position to agree the final approval of the 2019 SICAP Annual Plans on the proposal of Cllr. C. Rasmussen, seconded by Mr. S. Hegarty.

3. Presentation: Update on Comhairle na nÓg and the Foróige Summer Schemes; Cumann na Daoine, Youghal

Dr. Maria Power gave an overview of the work of Cumann na Daoine, which was founded in 1997 by local Volunteers and now employs 19 staff and owns its own community resource centre, open 6 days a week. Achievements during 2016-2018 are outlined as follows:

- Refurbished & enhanced the resource centre
- Installed new commercial kitchen and cafe
- Recruited an additional 10 staff (total now 19)
- Initiated 10 new projects: ECT, Community Heritage/ YRN, LGBT+, Local Employment Network, LTI culinary skills, Barnardos, Jigsaw, Counselling.
- Business proposals developed for CSP/Class Catering, Community garden & allotments, Culinary school - ongoing.
- Profile of Youghal updated and we are committed to further local robust research.
- Good governance, financial management and policies in place.

- Organisation stable and have reserves in place.

The Chair thanked Dr. Power for the presentation and acknowledged the excellent work being done. Mr. J. Lyne said that the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection liaise closely with CND regarding employment supports and Mr. R. Howard acknowledged the good work being done by CND.

Ms. Lorraine Hogan, Community Section, Cork County Council, gave a presentation on the work of Comhairle na nÓg. These are youth councils in local authorities that give children and young people the opportunity to be involved in the development of local services and policies. The Comhairle AGM is held every year in November and all post primary schools are invited.

Ms. Hogan also presented on the work of the Foróige Summer Schemes as Cork County Council contributes towards the running of the Schemes. Schemes are community based, planned and run by local adult Volunteers with the help of a Coordinator and backed up by voluntary helpers. 16 communities were involved in 2018 in Cork County including a number of new areas.

4. Any Other Business

Date of Next Meeting changed

It was agreed that the date of the next Meeting would be changed to 14th March, 2019.

Ability Programme

Ms. A. O'Driscoll spoke about the upcoming launch of the Ability Programme by WCDP. The Ability Programme provides funding to local, regional and national projects in the Republic of Ireland that focus on bringing young people with disabilities between the ages of 15 and 29 closer to the labour market. Ability has an overall budget of up to €16m from 2018-2021 and is co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection (DEASP), and administered by Pobal. WCDP have identified a target group of young people that may be living with a mental health condition, in the West Cork region.

Ms. O'Driscoll asked that the members of the LCDC would spread the word about the project and advised that further information is available on www.wcdp.ie.

Teen Talk

Ms. K. Keegan gave an update on the Teen Talk events due to take place at 3 locations in the county, including the Radisson, Little Island on 5th March 2019. 1700 students have signed up to attend the events around the county.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on the **14th March, 2019**.

Meeting Concluded

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

Signed: *Matthew Hegarty*
CHAIRPERSON

Dated: 14-03-19