

Minutes of

West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) Thursday 7th March 2019 @ 15.30 The Board Room, Cork County Council, Kent St., Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public//Private
Mr. Finbarr Harrington-Chair	Cork PPN	Private
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henehan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Mr. Thomas Collins	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Aaran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private

Apologies:

Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileánTeo	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private
Mr. John Kennedy	Foroige	Private
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Cllr. Rachel McCarthy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private

In Attendance - Support Staff:

Ms. Sharon Corcoran	Director of Services
Ms. Kay Keegan	Chief Officer, LCDC
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer
Mr. Niall O'Callaghan	Cork County Council
Ms. Valerie Hayes	Cork County Council

Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11) In attendance= 11 (5 private: 6 Public)

Apologies= 8

Total membership= 19

Welcome & 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 7th February, 2019

The adoption of the minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 7th February, 2019 was proposed by Mr. K. Curran, seconded by Ms. E. O'Shea and were formally adopted by the meeting.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

2. LCDC annual report

The LCDC is statutorily required to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions for the previous year. The report, as attached, was adopted by the meeting on the proposal of Cllr. D. Hurley, seconded by Ms. E. O'Shea.

3. 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 and reviewed progress and were satisfied with the progress made. The Chair thanked the Sub-Group members, Mr. J. Kennedy, Mr. J. Lyne and Mr. E. McWeeney for their work.

The meeting agreed the approval of the End of Year Review 2018 on the proposal of Mr. K. Curran, seconded by Ms. P. Bright.

The meeting then agreed the final approval of the 2019 SICAP Annual Plans on the proposal of Cllr. D. Hurley, seconded by Cllr. P. G. Murphy.

4. National Community Weekend 'The Big Hello'

National Community Day is an initiative of the Department of Rural and Community development and will be held on the May Bank Holiday weekend 4th to 6th May. €10,000 is available to Cork County Council to be distributed through the LCDCs for "The Big Hello" which supports communities to host events in their local area in order to strengthen community ties and help tackle the problem of social isolation. Mr. N. O'Callaghan advised that the funds are to be distributed through the GAA Healthy Clubs initiative and that applications are being invited from the Healthy Clubs around the county who will be required to work with one or more community groups. The proposals will be presented to the LCDCs for approval.

5. Allocation of Community Development Initiative

The Chair presented the report outlining the recommended allocation of funds under the Community Development Initiative. Ms. K. Keegan advised the meeting that

there were 420 applications on a countywide basis and the value of the applications was €5.5m – there were 141 applications for West to the value of €2m. The total fund of €1.5m was divided €0.5m to each LCDC. €250K was recommended to be allocated to each of the West Cork MD and the Bandon/Kinsale MD.

There was a discussion about the allocation and the following points were made:

- The fund is new and is a big commitment from Cork County Council
- All applications went before an Evaluation Committee
- The Evaluation Committee attempted a geographical spread and a mix of large and small projects
- Priority should be given to those projects without access to other sources of funding
- Before the next round of funding there will be an opportunity to make recommendations regarding the fund

The Meeting agreed the allocation of the funds as presented on the day on the proposal of Cllr. P.G. Murphy, seconded by Cllr. Declan Hurley.

6. A.O.B

Vote of Sympathy

The Members extended a vote of sympathy to Mr. J. Walsh on the recent death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Walsh, RIP.

Healthy Ireland Fund

Mr. N. O'Callaghan advised that an extension of time for expenditure under the Healthy Ireland fund has been granted to allow expenditure up to the end of May.

Teen Talk

Mr. O'Callaghan also updated the meeting on the recent Teen Talk event held in Bantry on the morning of this meeting attended by 400 secondary school students. Cllr. P.G. Murphy, Chair of Cork County Council, congratulated the organisers on the success of the event which focussed on positive mental health, wellbeing, nutrition and fitness for young people.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting, 11th April 2019, and thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting concluded.

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee		
(LCDC)		
Signed:	CHAIRPERSON	
Dated:	11-04-19	