

**Minutes of**  
**West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 @ 15.30**  
**The Board Room, Cork County Council, Kent St., Clonakilty, Co. Cork.**

**Present:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Public//Private</b>
Mr. Finbarr Harrington-Chair	Cork PPN	Private
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileánTeo	Private
Mr. John Kennedy	Foroige	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
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
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private
Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Ms. Aaran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private

**Apologies:**

Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Cllr. Rachel McCarthy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private

**In Attendance - Support Staff:**

Ms. Kay Keegan	Chief Officer, LCDC
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer
Ms. Lorraine Hogan	Cork County Council
Mr. Niall O'Callaghan	Cork County Council
Ms. Valerie Hayes	Cork County Council
<b>Apologies:</b> Ms. Sharon Corcoran	Director of Services

<p><b>Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11)</b>  <b>In attendance= 15 (9 private: 6 Public)</b>  <b>Apologies= 4</b>  <b>Total membership= 19</b></p>
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## **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 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018**

The adoption of the minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 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. SICAP**

No update.

### **3. Presentation: Update on Comhairle na nÓg and the Foróige Summer Schemes**

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.

The Meeting agreed that they would welcome the opportunity to involve the Comhairle in any policy issues being discussed at the LCDC.

### **4. A.O.B**

#### **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](http://www.wcdp.ie).

### Teen Talk

Mr. N. O'Callaghan gave an update on the Teen Talk events due to take place at 3 locations in the county, including Bantry on 7<sup>th</sup> March. 1700 students have signed up to attend the events. Mr. R. Howard welcomed the fact that the event is taking place at 3 locations around the county rather than 1 central location as per the feedback given by the LCDCs.

### **5. Date of Next Meeting**

The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> March 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:

7-03-19

