



**Minutes of  
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 @ 2.45pm  
Brookpark Business Centre, Dunmanway**

**Present:**

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henahan	Divisional Manager West Cork	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Mr. John Kennedy	Foroige	Private
Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileánTeo	Private
Mr. Thomas Collins	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private

**Apologies:**

Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Ms. Aaran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
Vacant	Cork PPN	Private

**In Attendance - Support Staff:**

Ms. Kay Keegan	Chief Officer, LCDC	Cork County Council
Mr. Andrew Lewis	Finance Officer	Cork County Council
Mr. Jesse Dorrington	Staff Officer	Cork County Council

**Quorum=11 (50% of 19 rounded up +1 = 11)**

**In attendance= 13 (7 private: 6 Public)**

**Apologies= 6**

**Total membership= 19**

## Welcome & Introduction

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

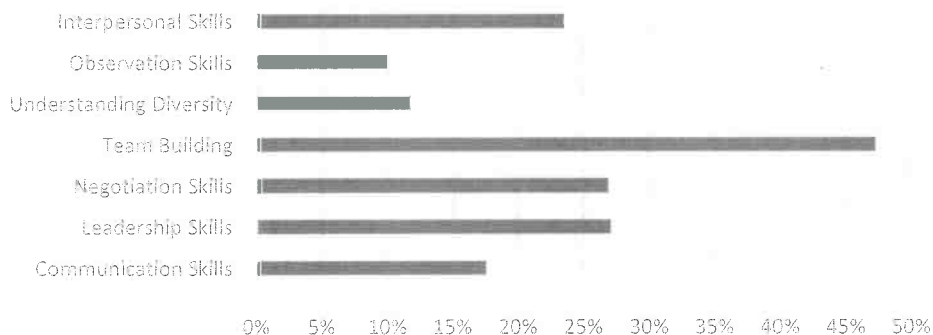
The minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 were proposed by Ms. Eileen O' Shea and seconded by Mr. John Lyne.

### Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### 2. Presentation of SICAP Case Study – Comhar na nOileán by Jude Gilbert

- A meeting was held with young islanders on Oileán Chléire in October 2019 in an attempt to get a young person to take a seat on the West Cork Islands Community Council.
- Here it emerged that young people from the islands struggle to get together and as a result many know very little about each others' day-to-day lives.
- In an attempt to tackle this issue and bring young people from the various West Cork Islands together, it was decided to provide a Sail Training Ireland course called "West Cork Islands Sail Training Voyage".
- Two spaces were allocated to each of the five West Cork Islands who had young people between the ages of 14 and 17, with a total of 10 participants.
- Funding for the voyage was secured through a grant from the Fisheries Local Area Development Scheme under the sub-theme of Lifelong Learning, attracting young people into fisheries, aquaculture and marine related careers and activities.
- The voyage was 6 days long, beginning on 26<sup>th</sup> August and finishing on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019. It started and ended in Cork City centre.
- After returning to shore, the participants completed questionnaires outlining the benefits they felt the sailing course provided them with. The results are as follows:



- **Conclusions:**
  - This voyage was a tremendous success in getting young people from the different West Cork Islands together.
  - It was felt by all involved that the trip will hopefully lead to young islanders getting together more often.
  - It is hoped that the voyage will help young islanders to recognise the benefits of being more civically involved in their communities and the value to both local youth and the West Cork Islands Community Council of having a full-time youth representative for the islands.

- The success of the voyage has led Comhar na nOileán to believe that they should design and propose more actions that involve getting young islanders together to share similar experiences.

Kay Keegan commented that Cork County Council, in partnership with the Port of Cork and Cork City Council have been supporting Sail Training Ireland for a number of years and acknowledged that the organisation changes people's lives in a positive way. She outlined that for the small amount of money invested, Sail Training Ireland has a huge impact. Kay Keegan added that Sail Training Ireland caters for all abilities and that their wheelchair accessible boat reflects this inclusivity. Cllr. Declan Hurley complemented the work being done by Sail Training Ireland, having experienced the feedback himself at the Award Ceremony when he was Mayor of the County, noting that their voyages succeed in cracking people out of their shells. He suggested that people go in to Sail Training Ireland one person and come out a different one.

### **SICAP Sub Group**

Andrew Lewis presented the results of the SICAP Sub Group Meetings with Local Development Companies relating to the performance of the End of Year Reviews 2019 and the 2020 Annual Plans. It was confirmed that each of the three LDC's had performed well during 2019 and both KPI 1 relating to Community Groups and KPI 2 relating to Support for Individuals through education or employment had been full achieved.

The Sub Group were satisfied that the Annual Plans 2020 submitted by the LDC's would continue the excellent work by each LDC on the ground and continue to ensure that the SICAP programme was effective.

The End of Year Review 2019 for Lots 18-5, 18-6 & 18-7 were proposed by Ms. Phoebe Bright and seconded by Mr. John Kennedy.

The approval of the 2020 Annual Plans for Lots 18-5, 18-6 & 18-7 were proposed by Mr. Cornelius Buckley and seconded by Ms. Eileen O' Shea.

Mr. John Lyne complimented the many schemes run during 2019 and acknowledged them as an all round success. Andrew Lewis thanked the Subgroup members, Mr. John Lyne, Mr. John Kennedy & Mr. Enda McWeeney. Kay Keegan reiterated this and also thanked Andrew Lewis and the LCDC Support team.

### **3. 2019 LCDC Annual Report**

Kay Keegan presented the 2019 West Cork LCDC Annual Report for approval. Mr. John Kennedy proposed the report and Ms. Phoebe Bright seconded it.

### **4. Healthy Ireland.**

Kay Keegan noted that registration for the West Cork Teen Talk event in the West Lodge, Bantry, on 2<sup>nd</sup> April is going well with 6 out of 9 school slots filled. She encouraged the members to promote bookings for the evening Gen Z event among people they know.

## 5. Presentation by Phoebe Bright – ‘The End of Agriculture as we know it?’.

LCDC Member, Ms. Phoebe Bright gave a presentation to Members for their information:

- Key questions:
  - Where and who will make our future food?
  - Will farm-free food put an end to farming and the rural economy as we know it? And if so when?
- Key farm-free food areas:
  - Urban Farming: growing fresh vegetables in factory conditions, close to demand, with less inputs, no pesticides, predictably (unaffected by weather) and all year round.
  - Fermenting by Design: replacing plant and animal based proteins with programmed precision fermentation.
  - Farm-free Meat: creating plant-based meat alternatives in factory conditions. This is already big business.
  - Closed container fish farming.
- Appeal of these farm-free alternatives:
  - To consumers: looks and tastes the same, has a much lower environmental impact, no animal died to make it and it's cheaper.
  - To governments: greener with lower carbon emissions, less water and transport required, safer (no antibiotics or pesticides) and no subsidies needed.
- Interest in a way of life in which people eschew all animal products is soaring especially among millennials.
- How will farm-free food impact on Ireland if many fields are no longer producing food? Replaced by trees, solar panels, re-wilding, horses or used for leisure?
- Timeframe for change:
  - Rethink report “Rethinking Food and Agriculture 2020-2030 – the Second Domestication of Plants and Animals, the Disruption of the Cow and the Collapse of Industrial Livestock Farming”:
    - By 2030 the number of cows in the US will have fallen by 50%.
    - By 2030 the market for ground beef by volume will have shrunk by 70%, steak market by 30% and dairy market by almost 90%.
  - However a major disruption caused by climate change, the global economy, the political landscape or health concerns could either push us back to traditional ways or accelerate the process.
- Conclusions:
  - Future food will not be produced by farmers but by technologists in a factory with a much shorter food chain.
  - This is the end of agriculture as we know it but that doesn't mean that it can't be the start of a new kind of agriculture.

## 6. Any Other Business

None.

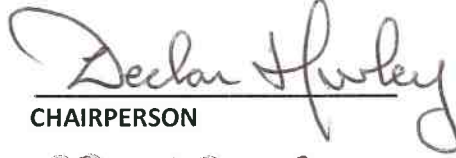
**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 and will be held at Brookpark Business Centre, Dunmanway.

**Meeting Concluded**

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

Signed:

  
CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

08-10-20

