

**Minutes of
 West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
 Thursday 8th October 2020 @ 3.00pm**

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Ms. Clodagh Henehan	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. Aaran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Mr. John Walsh	Comhar na nOileánTeo	Private
Mr. Thomas Collins	Cork County PPN	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private

Apologies:

Ms. Eileen O' Shea	Civic Society	Private
Vacant	Foroige	Private
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
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= 14 (6 private: 8 Public)

Apologies= 5

Total membership= 19

Welcome & Introduction

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 5th March 2020.

As the LCDC meeting was conducted through Microsoft Teams, it was noted that those present in Meeting Room 2 in the Business Growth Hub included:

Kay Keegan - LCDC Chief Officer
Jesse Dorrington - Meeting Administrator

All other LCDC members joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams.

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

The Chair offered condolences on behalf of the LCDC on the loss of fellow LCDC Member John Kennedy and Cllr. John O' Sullivan's father-in-law.

The minutes of the West Cork LCDC meeting of 5th March 2020 were proposed by Kevin Curran and seconded by Thomas Collins.

Matters arising

None.

2. Community Enhancement Programme 2020 Applications presented by the Chief Officer (see list of Successful Applications attached)

The Chief Officer noted that soft copies of the results of the scheme had been emailed to LCDC members at 2.00pm. She offered an overview of the results as follows:

Community Enhancement Programme 2020

The 2020 CEP scheme is funded by the Department of Rural & Community Development with support from the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs) of Cork County Council.

The initial Countywide allocation made on 23rd June was €72,536 however, on 10th August Minister Joe O'Brien announced a top up to the scheme for an additional €219,478, this brought the overall total to €292,014.

As with the 2019 Scheme a minimum of 30% of monies had to be applied to projects of €1,000 or less. There were two types of grants available under this Programme:

- Small scale capital grant up to a maximum of €1,000 or less
- Capital grant in excess of €1,000

The CEP was launched in Cork County on 13th July with a closing date of 4pm on Friday, 7th August. As the top up allocation was announced after our closing date and the fact that the scheme was oversubscribed, it was decided not to re advertise the scheme.

All projects have until 31st March, 2021 for drawdown of monies, this includes return of receipts plus photographic evidence prior to payment being made.

There wasn't a requirement for an Evaluation Committee as additional allocation of monies allowed for the majority of applications to be funded either partially or fully. Those that were unsuccessful were either too large to be funded, the timeline for completion unachievable or the project was deemed ineligible under the scheme guidelines.

Allocation for 2020:	€292,014	
	30% Allocation Projects of €1k or less	= €87,604.20
	Less Amount Allocated to €1k or less	= €42,718.00

	Balance	= €44,886.20

Total Allocation to Projects of €1k or more = €249,296

Total No. of Applications Received: 132 No. Countywide

Total Value of Applications Received: €791,496.50

Total No. of Successful Applications: 109 No.

Total No. funded under Covid Emergency Fund 8 No.

Total No. funded under Creative Ireland 2 No.

Total No. of Unsuccessful Applications: 13 No.

Some applications redirected to ETB, Arts Office & Local Development Companies.

West Cork LCDC

West M.D.

Total No. Received	-	24 No.
Total No. Successful	-	17 No.
Total No. Unsuccessful	-	4 No.
Granted under Covid 19 Emergency Fund	-	3 No
(less than €1k)	-	€7,254 (8 No.)
(more than €1k)	-	€42,749 (9 No.)

Bandon/Kinsale MD:

Total No. Received	-	16 No.
Total No. Successful	-	13No.
Total No. Unsuccessful	-	1 No.
Granted under Covid 19 Emergency Fund	-	1 No.
Funded under Creative Ireland Fund	-	1 No.
(less than €1k)	-	€2,590 (3 No.)
(more than €1k)	-	€37,700 (10 No.)

Totals Allocations West Cork:	Less than €1k	€ 9,844	
	More than €1k		€80,449

			€90,293

The Chief Officer clarified the following about the 5 unsuccessful applications:

- Kinsale Community Health and Wellbeing Resource Centre (Bandon and Kinsale MD): too large a project. In receipt of LEADER funding.
- Castlehaven Nursing Association (West MD): Ineligible.
- Cork Surf Lifesaving (West MD): Ineligible.
- Eyeries Community Development Ltd (West MD): too large a project. Redirected to a Local Development Company.
- Working Artist Studios (West MD): too large a project. Redirected to the Capital Culture Scheme 2019 – 2022.

The Chief Officer said that email and letter notifications would be sent to all applicants straightaway to allow groups to begin their projects immediately.

Cllr. John O’Sullivan and the Chair commended the scheme.

The CEP 2020 allocations as presented to the LCDC were proposed by Cllr. John O’Sullivan and seconded by Cornelius Buckley.

3. SICAP Mid Year Review presented by Andrew Lewis

Andrew Lewis said that due to COVID 19 and as advised by the Department the usual meetings between the SICAP Subgroup, Local Development Companies & CCC staff face to face meetings did not occur and was replaced by a desktop exercise.

He noted that the SICAP Mid Year Review was recently completed and that the Local Development Companies for the three Lots in West Cork performed satisfactorily with no issues.

He outlined that the Department are due to meet with POBAL in the near future to discuss SICAP targets for 2020 in case Local Development Companies struggle to meet these targets as a result of COVID 19.

The approval of the SICAP Mid Year Review for Lots 18-5, 18-6 and 18=7 were proposed by Cllr. John O’Sullivan and seconded by Phoebe Bright.

Cllr. John O’Sullivan called for flexibility in relation to 2020’s SICAP targets. He stressed that it is unfair to expect Local Development Companies to perform as well this year as in 2019 because of COVID 19. Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy reiterated this need for flexibility pointing out the employment challenges for West Cork due to the impact of COVID 19 on the tourism industry.

Andrew Lewis confirmed that the meeting between the Department and POBAL will determine how much flexibility can be afforded to Local Development Companies in relation

to SICAP targets. He said that the indications were that the required flexibility will be available.

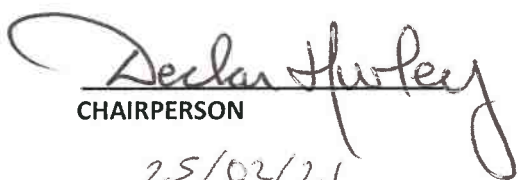
Cllr. John O'Sullivan commented that the LCDC needs to be in a position to react quickly if future funding is made available by the Department. The Chair confirmed that the LCDC will be ready.

Phoebe Bright asked if it is known what industry has lost the most staff due to COVID 19 in West Cork. Enda McWeeney said that hospitality is by far the biggest employer in the area. Kevin Curran noted that interaction between Cork County Council and tourism businesses has been very high in 2020 with significant supports being offered by the Local Enterprise Offices.

4. **Any Other Business**

None.

Meeting Concluded

The Minutes were approved by the West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)	
Signed:	 CHAIRPERSON
Dated:	<u>25/04/21</u>

CEP 2020 Successful West

Organisation	Project Details	MD	Offered Amount	Amount Applied For	Partial or Total	Application Type	Project Total Cost
Ballinhassig Village Association	Lawnmower.	Bandon + Kinsale	€860.00	€860.00	T	1000 or less	€860.00
IGG Kinsale Brownies	Camping equipment and printer.	Bandon + Kinsale	€730.00	€730.00	T	1000 or less	€730.00
Kinsale Guides	Tents.	Bandon + Kinsale	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	P	1000 or less	€1,400.00
Ahiohill Tidy Towns	Heritage signs and posts.	Bandon + Kinsale	€3,500.00	€3,500.00	T	1001 or more	€3,500.00
The Allin Institute	Upgrade of Tidy Towns room.	Bandon + Kinsale	€4,131.00	€17,405.00	T	1001 or more	€17,405.00
Bandon GAA Hurling and Football Club	Defibrillator and storage box.	Bandon + Kinsale	€1,179.00	€1,179.00	T	1001 or more	€1,179.00
Bandon Tidy Towns	Trailer and water bowser.	Bandon + Kinsale	€5,596.00	€5,596.00	T	1001 or more	€5,596.00
Bike Friendly Bandon	Bike stands and repair kits.	Bandon + Kinsale	€4,196.00	€5,372.00	T	1001 or more	€5,372.00
Fivemilebridge Community Group	Planting boxes and soil.	Bandon + Kinsale	€2,500.00	€2,500.00	P	1001 or more	€3,000.00
Gaggin Community Association	Door, carpet, coin metre and curtain.	Bandon + Kinsale	€4,570.00	€4,570.00	T	1001 or more	€4,570.00
Innishannon Community Hall	Aluminum cover on roof.	Bandon + Kinsale	€3,178.00	€3,178.00	T	1001 or more	€3,178.00
Innishannon Parish Hall	Install canopy.	Bandon + Kinsale	€5,000.00	€5,000.00	T	1001 or more	€5,000.00
Molaga Tidy Towns	Ride on lawnmower.	Bandon + Kinsale	€3,850.00	€3,850.00	T	1001 or more	€3,850.00
Baltimore Tidy Towns Group	Repair picnic tables.	West	€820.00	€820.00	T	1000 or less	€820.00
Bere Island Tourism and Environment Group	New signage.	West	€914.00	€914.00	T	1000 or less	€914.00
The Bike Circus Clonakilty	Mobile bicycle repair station.	West	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	T	1000 or less	€1,000.00
Dunmanway Pitch and Putt	Lawnmower.	West	€800.00	€800.00	T	1000 or less	€800.00
Fastnet Trails Walks Group	Waymarking and safety signs.	West	€955.00	€955.00	T	1000 or less	€955.00
Glengarriff Community Sport Field Association	Resurfacing to prevent ponding.	West	€1,000.00	€1,000.00	P	1000 or less	€1,986.00
Goleen and District Community Council Ltd	IT equipment for newsletter.	West	€990.00	€990.00	P	1000 or less	€1,250.00
Mizen Care and Repair	Pressure washer.	West	€775.00	€700.00	P	1000 or less	€775.00
BEDA	Replace two fire doors.	West	€8,000.00	€8,000.00	P	1001 or more	€9,137.00
Ballineen and Enniskeane Tidy Towns Association	Tables, benches and tree of life.	West	€4,000.00	€4,000.00	T	1001 or more	€4,000.00
Ballydehob Community Association CLG	Install sound deadening drapes.	West	€2,997.00	€2,997.00	T	1001 or more	€2,997.00
Baltimore Harbour Community Leisure Centre	Renovate showers.	West	€1,800.00	€1,800.00	P	1001 or more	€1,858.00
Bantry Ishore Search and Rescue Association CLG	Equipment.	West	€4,000.00	€8,000.00	P	1001 or more	€8,000.00
Bantry Tidy Towns	Water Bowser and trailer.	West	€4,772.00	€4,772.00	T	1001 or more	€4,772.00
Croi na Laoi Development Society Inchigeela	Install fence along walk.	West	€9,000.00	€9,000.00	P	1001 or more	€10,016.00
Skibbereen and District Chamber of Commerce	Develop walking route.	West	€5,600.00	€5,600.00	P	1001 or more	€6,600.00
Skibbereen Tidy Towns	Install six park benches.	West	€2,580.00	€2,580.00	T	1001 or more	€2,580.00
			€90,293.00	€108,668.00			€114,100.00