



**Minutes of
West Cork Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
Via Microsoft Teams**

Date: 28th April 2022

Time: 3.30pm.

Present:

Name	Organisation	Public/Private
Cllr. Declan Hurley	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. John O' Sullivan	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Patrick Gerard Murphy	Cork County Council	Public
Cllr. Alan Coleman	Cork County Council	Public
Mr. Enda McWeeney	Cork ETB	Public
Mr. Kevin Curran	North and West LEO	Public
Ms. Máire Uí Mhaoláin	Comhar na nOileán Teo	Private
Ms. Arran O'Driscoll	West Cork Dev Partnership CLG.	Private
Ms. Helen O'Sullivan	Cork PPN	Private
Ms. Eileen O'Shea	Civic Society	Private
Ms. Phoebe Bright	Environment Pillar	Private
Mr. Ryan Howard	SECAD CLG.	Private
Mr. Finbarr Harrington	Cork County PPN	Private

Apologies:

Ms. Clodagh Henehan	Divisional Manager West Cork	Public
Mr. John Lyne	Dept. Employment	Public
Ms. Máire Ní Shé	Udarás na Gaeltachta	Public
Mr. Cornelius Buckley	Farming Pillar/IFA	Private
Mr. Colm Leen	Cork Chamber	Private
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Staff in Attendance

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

The LCDC was conducted through Microsoft Teams.

It was noted that a quorum was in place and the meeting commenced.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Previous LCDC Meeting of 24th March 2021.

The Minutes were adopted on the proposal of Enda McWeeney and seconded by Cllr. Alan Coleman.

Matters arising

N/A

2. SICAP

SICAP Sub-contracting of Services Approval: Comhar na nOileán – Lot 18.7

Pre-approval by LCDC of proposed Sub-contracting of SICAP Services by Programme Implementer 2022

Name of Programme Implementer: Comhar na nOileán CTR

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SICAP Lot No: 18-7

Action to be Sub-contracted (Include description from the Tender/Contract Action Plan)	Estimated Value €
Goal 1	
Purchase of Safe Catering Pack	100
Digital skills course- facilitators costs, travel etc	100
Goal 2:	
Yoga workshops -- facilitator cost 24th April	318
Felting Workshop facilitator cost	200
Total Estimated Value to be sub-contracted	718

Presentation of Case Study for West Cork Development Partnership by Fergal Conlon.

Fergal Conlon presented a short video which focused on an initiative which provides afterschool language classes for foreign language children attending a Bandon School in conjunction with the Bandon Family Centre. He acknowledged the language barrier as a key challenge for these children and said that the project has been very successful in helping to increase their school attendance and confidence. He noted that there has been extra work required in this area due to the recent arrival of Ukrainian children and that this workload is going to increase in the coming months.

The Chair, Cllr. Declan Hurley and Arran O'Driscoll praised the work being done on this project. Ryan Howard congratulated the SICAP teams undertaking this type of work and commented that SICAP needs to be better resourced especially in light of the Ukrainian crisis.

Fergal Conlon presented an internal report he had received from his Development Officers which detailed the activity on the ground. Phoebe Bright asked if the report can be shared and the need for more SICAP funding highlighted. The Chief Officer said that a Community Response Forum is in place and that this can be fed into it to be looked at. She added that all relevant stakeholders are represented on the Forum. The Chair, Cllr. Declan Hurley said that he is the Chair of the Forum and would raise the issue in the next meeting the following morning. Phoebe Bright asked if the report can be shared on social media. Fergal Conlon said that he would check with the author and if ok send the report to the Chair for sharing.

Enda McWeeney expressed concern about the upcoming summer months when Ukrainian children will not be attending school. He said that it will be difficult to keep them busy.

Fergal Conlon commented that he would welcome further resources for SICAP. He said that SICAP workers are currently in a firefighting stage but need to move to supporting and facilitating volunteers to ensure that SICAP workers roles are sustainable. The Chair, Cllr. Declan Hurley acknowledged the risk of burnout for individuals assisting with the Ukrainian crisis.

The Chief Officer recommended that the Community Response Forum send a letter to Minister O'Brien as he is a strong supporter of SICAP. Arran O'Driscoll agreed with this.

The Chair, Cllr. Declan Hurley thanked Niall Healy's team for their hard work in addressing the Ukrainian crisis. The Chief Officer thanked Fergal Conlon and Arran O'Driscoll for the presentation.

3. **AOB**

N/A

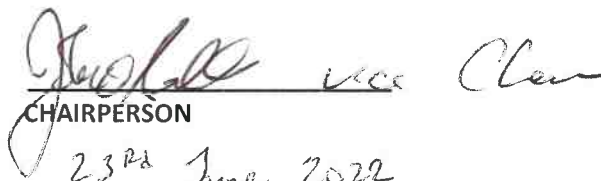
4. **Date of Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting is 26th May 2022 at 3.30pm

Meeting Concluded

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

Signed:


CHAIRPERSON

Dated:

23rd June 2022

