

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee
meeting (LCDC) on Wednesday, 17th February 2016 at 4.00 p.m
the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co.
Clare.**

In Attendance:

Cllr. Bill Chambers
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Mr. Andrew Dundas
Ms. Dóirin Graham
Ms. Aobhan Haverty
Mr. Gerry Kelly
Mr. Cillian Murphy
Mr. Martin McKeown
Ms. Margaret Slattery
Mr. Jim Lynch
Mr. Christy Leyden
Cllr. Johnny Flynn

Organisation:

Elected Member
Social Inclusion Interests
Agricultural Farmers Sector
Clare Local Development Company
Education & Training Board
Age Friendly Alliance Board
Community & Voluntary Interests
Environment Interests
Youth Sector
Department of Social Protection
Community & Voluntary Interests
Elected Member

Also Present

Mr. Gerard Dollard	Chief Officer
Ms. Monica Meehan	Tourism & Community
Mr. Michael Neylon	Tourism & Community
Ms. Ailish McMahon	Tourism & Community
Ms. Sue Targett	Clare Local Development Company

Apologies

Mr. Tom Coughlan	Chief Executive
Mr. Padraic McElwee	Head of Enterprise
Cllr. Mike McKee	Elected Member
Ms. Mary O'Donoghue	Social Inclusion Interests
Cllr. Richard Nagle	Elected Member
Ms. Helen Downes	Employers/Business
Ms. Esther Connellan	Health Service

1. Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct

G. Dollard reminded all members that any outstanding Declaration of Interest and Code of Conduct should be completed and returned to Ailish McMahon.

2. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

G. Dollard informed the meeting that the purpose of the special meeting was SICAP:-

- 2015 end of year review for approval
- 2016 Annual Plan for approval.

G. Dollard referred to the meeting held on the 25th November 2015 in which a meeting was convened by the Department of Social Protection, the LCDC, LCETB, LEO and the CLDC and in which an informative discussion took place in relation to the targets.

G. Dollard outlined that Pobal has concluded its technical review and provided feedback on the 2015 Programme. The issues raised (mainly headline indicators) were relayed to the Programme Implementer and have been addressed in the revised end of year narrative report.

M. Meehan outlined that the programme now meets the targets. She outlined that there is stronger focus on children and young people.

Cllr. J. Flynn proposed the adoption of the 2015 end of year review and this was seconded by G. Kelly and agreed.

- **2016 Annual Plan**

G. Dollard outlined that the Programme Implementer has resubmitted the 2016 Annual Plan following the meeting with Pobal and the Department which took place on the 11th February 2016.

S. Targett gave a comprehensive presentation on the CLDC 2016 SICAP Annual Plan. In her presentation she outlined the following:-

Goal 1 – Empowering Disadvantaged Communities

Goal 2 – Lifelong Learning

Goal 3 – Employment & Self Employment

S. Targett outlined that at the meeting held with Pobal and the Department of the 11th February, 2016 that the qualifying categories of people have been extended to include low income farming households and seasonal workers.

S. Targett also outlined that Pobal have also outlined that work can be done with the ROMA community.

Cllr. J. Flynn asked the question could Older People living alone come under the same target group and persons on low income.

S. Targett outlined that they would have to be in a disadvantaged area. She also outlined that there will be a committed approach to young people who are not in employment, education or training (NEETs).

C. Leyden referred to Target Goal 2: Afterschool project – 310 people; Development Youthwork – 50 young people; Youth Mental Health – 500 young people. He outlined that he has received queries in relation to same. He outlined that there is a big difference between 500 young people and 50 young people and expressed concern in relation to same.

S. Targett outlined that the Developmental Youthwork is a long standing very targeted action specific to youth in Kilrush. It is high quality, extensive work. She also outlined that the Youth Mental Health is designed to capture a number of young people.

Cllr. J. Flynn also outlined that children falling out of 3rd level and that work needs to be done on personal development and employability skills.

G. Kelly referred to the increased provisions for children and young people – targets have been maintained. The programme has allowed work with low income households so target can be achieved.

The adoption of the 2016 Annual Plan was proposed by A. Haverty and seconded by C. Leyden and agreed.

3. Date of next meeting

G. Dollard informed the meeting that a schedule of all LCDC meetings was circulated to all members at the beginning of 2016. He outlined that a special meeting was held today to consider the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme. G. Dollard outlined that it is not proposed to go ahead with the meeting scheduled for 2nd March 2016 and the meeting originally scheduled for the 13th April has been rescheduled to the 30th March at 11.00 a.m. in the Training Room to comply with the timelines for the Local Economic and Community Plan.

4. AOB

G. Dollard read a statement from Mary O'Donoghue in the Family Resource Centre in relation to the West Clare Community Childcare Services.

"The recent events surrounding the closure of 6 childcare centres in West Clare has caused undue hardship for parents and families all over West Clare. While we, West Clare Family Resource Centre, are working very

hard with the County Childcare Committee and Pobal to address immediate childcare needs, we know there are many families who will be without childcare over the coming weeks. We are asking that the Local Community Development Committee and all its members communicate to employers and educators to have an understanding of the situation of families at this time”.

The members fully supported this statement.

With no other business the meeting concluded.

Signed: _____
Chair **Chief Officer**