

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee meeting (LCDC) on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 03.00 p.m. in Training Room, Level 0, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.**

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Andrew Dundas  
Cllr. Bill Chambers  
Cllr. Johnny Flynn  
Cllr. Richard Nagle  
Ms. Dóirín Graham  
Ms. Mary O'Donoghue  
Ann Marie Flanagan  
Mr. Paul Patton  
Mr. Jim Lynch  
Mr. Christy Leyden  
Ms. Helen Downes  
Mr. Padraic McElwee

**Organisation:**

Agricultural Farmers Sector (Chairperson)  
Elected Member  
Elected Member  
Elected Member  
Clare Local Development Company  
Social Inclusion Interests  
Social Inclusion Interests  
Education & Training Board  
Department of Social Protection  
Community & Voluntary Interests  
Employers/Business  
Head of Enterprise

Ms. Monica Meehan  
Ms. Deirdre Power  
Ms. Siobhán Brennan

Chief Officer  
Rural Development  
Rural Development

**Apologies**

Mr. Pat Dowling  
Mr. Cillian Murphy  
Ms. Esther Connellan  
Cllr. Mike McKee  
Ms. Margaret Slattery  
Mr. Martin McKeown  
Mr. Michael Neylon

Chief Executive  
Community & Voluntary Interests  
HSE  
Elected Member  
Youth Sector  
Environment Interests  
Rural Development

A Dundas started the meeting by welcoming new member AM. Flanagan to the meeting. He told the meeting that AM. Flanagan was replacing D. Hayes and would be representing Social Inclusion Interests. He also thanked D. Hayes for his representation on the LCDC and the valuable contribution he made throughout his time on the committee.

**1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and matters arising**

A. Dundas referred to the minutes of the meeting of the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 & 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and asked if there were any matters arising from them. As there were no matters arising, the minutes were proposed by Cllr. B. Chambers and seconded by Cllr. R Nagle.

## **2. Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme**

### **(a) Report from 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 Workshop**

M. Meehan told the meeting that the workshop which was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 was successful in outlining what shape the plan for 2019 would take and what direction the LCDC was taking. Directly before this LCDC meeting the Sub-Committee also met with CLDC in relation to the 2019 SICAP Plan and this will be developed in line with the outcomes of the workshop and subsequent meetings.

A meeting between Donnacha McSorley from POBAL and the SICAP Sub-Committee was also held on Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September to discuss the progress of the 2018 SICAP plan and the planning process for 2019.

A discussion took place with regards to the meeting that was held with the Sub-Committee and CLDC. It was agreed that some targets would be reduced as this would allow for more focus on groups that are the hardest to reach and which would need more pre-development work, it was also agreed to keep substance mis-users as an emerging need. M. O'Donoghue said that the collaboration between the CLDC and LCDC is greatly appreciated and while all needs cannot be met it allows for the people who are in greater need to be focused on. J. Lynch hoped that the 2019 plan would stay true to what was discussed at the workshop and that POBAL had been very impressed with how the Clare LCDC were approaching going forward with SICAP. He also thanked CLDC for the energy they had shown on the SICAP Planning day. D. Graham highlighted the need for collaboration.

The group also discussed the difficulties in getting apprenticeships and that they sometimes suit school leavers who may not be academically minded. It was explained that the cost of taking on an apprentice was an issue for some businesses and that previously they would have received a payment for them.

A.M. Flanagan highlighted a need to support the person in the job and that the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Employment model could be referenced.

### **(b) 2019 Budget**

M. Meehan informed the committee that no notification had been received yet but indications are that the budget would be the same as 2018.

**(c) 2019 Targets for agreement**

As previously discussed at the workshop it was agreed to lower the targets for 2019. POBAL have sent down suggested targets for consideration and it was discussed by the Sub-committee that the minimum targets (KPI 1 = 32 and KPI 2 = 494) would be used by CLDC for the 2019 plan. POBAL would be notified of these targets. The minimum targets were proposed by M O'Donoghue and seconded by P. Patton

**(d) 2019 Annual Pan**

CLDC would draw up a draft 2019 and would submit to the Sub-committee in two weeks time for their consideration and feedback. It was hoped that the provisional plan for 2019 would be approved at the December 2018 meeting

**(e) Emerging Needs Target Group**

The LCDC have the option to choose a new emerging need target group for 2019 and the Sub-committee recommended that Substance Mis-users would be kept for the 2019 plan. The full committee were happy with this and it was proposed by Cllr. B Chambers and seconded by M. O'Donoghue. POBAL would also be notified of this decision.

**(f) 2019 Annual Plan Approval Process**

POBAL's approval timeline for the 2019 plan is as follows; CLDC have to submit the plan on IRIS by the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018, it will be reviewed by POBAL by the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and the LCDC will give approval in Principal by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Full approval of the plan will be completed by the end of February 2019.

**3. Community Enhancement Programme**

M. Meehan told the committee that at the end of September 2018 the LCDC received notification of additional funding in the sum of €182,489.00 for the Community Enhancement Programme. The Department's correspondence stated that the scheme should not be re-advertised. Each successful application that was approved at the September meeting were looked at and further funding was given to each project. The projects that were deemed ineligible in September did not receive any funding from this allocation.

C.Leyden queried the interpretation of the scheme criteria regarding sustainability. It was also queried as to why the groups that didn't receive funding in the first round were still deemed ineligible. The committee were told that they didn't receive funding as they were deemed ineligible or did not meet the criteria of the scheme. They had been scored in the first round of funding and they did not qualify which

meant they would not qualify for the second round of funding either. A long discussion then took place in relation to the evaluation criteria. It was also discussed that an appeals process should be made available for groups. It was agreed that a draft appeals process would also be drawn up and may be used for further funding programmes.

The Community Enhancement Programme report as circulated was approved on the proposal of B. Chambers and R.Nagle.

**4. The Clare Survey on Health, Wellbeing, Jobless Households and CarShareIT.**

M. Meehan advised the committee that the tenders had been advertised and that one tender came back. The cost of the survey is €40,000 approx and she thanked the LCETB for their contribution of €10,000. It was hoped that the survey would be completed by the end of the year. This survey would meet one of the actions in the LECP.

**5. AOB**

M. O'Donoghue on behalf of the PPN enquired if the LCDC could engage with Clare County Council to examine if a voucher scheme could be made available for the winter season to cover a hot meal and laundry service costs for families who are currently living in emergency accommodation. These families don't have access to laundry facilities and some days they don't have a proper hot meal. These vouchers could be for one business which would be willing to participate in the scheme. Cllr. J Flynn said that this may be something that could be looked at by the Homeless Action Team. It was agreed that the LCDC would write to the Director of Housing stating that the LCDC had discussed the item.

H. Downes informed the meeting that the Shannon Chamber of Commerce were holding an information evening in Shannon Airport for companies who wished to assist community groups with financial assistance. She said she would forward the details to the group for their information.

**The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 11:00 in the Training Room, Áras Contae an Chláir.**

With no other business the meeting concluded.

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Chairperson

  
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Chief Officer