

Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee meeting (LCDC) on Tuesday, 11th September at 9.30 a.m. in Liscannor Suite, Woodstock Hotel, Shanaway Road, Ennis, Co. Clare.

In Attendance:

Mr. Andrew Dundas
 Cllr. Johnny Flynn
 Ms. Margaret Slattery
 Ms. Dóirín Graham
 Ms. Mary O'Donoghue
 Mr. Paul Patton
 Mr. Jim Lynch
 Mr. Christy Leyden
 Mr. Martin McKeown

Organisation:

Agricultural Farmers Sector (Chairperson)
 Elected Member
 Youth Sector
 Clare Local Development Company
 Social Inclusion Interests
 Education & Training Board
 Department of Social Protection
 Community & Voluntary Interests
 Environment Interests

Ms. Monica Meehan
 Mr. Michael Neylon
 Ms. Deirdre Power
 Ms. Siobhán Brennan

Chief Officer
 Rural Development
 Rural Development
 Rural Development

Apologies

Mr. Pat Dowling
 Ms. Helen Downes
 Ms. Esther Connellan
 Mr. Cillian Murphy
 Mr. Padraic McElwee
 Cllr. Mike McKee
 Cllr. Bill Chambers
 Cllr. Richard Nagle

Chief Executive
 Employers/Business
 HSE
 Community & Voluntary Interests
 Head of Enterprise
 Elected Member
 Elected Member
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Mr A Dundas welcomed everybody to the meeting and invited M. Meehan to start discussion on the approval of the Community Enhancement Programme.

M. Meehan reminded the meeting that the Community Enhancement Programme was an amalgamation of the Community Facilities Scheme and the Rapid Programme which were funds managed by the LCDC in 2017. The deadline for applications was the end of July 2018 and additional funding was also released specifically for the Men's Sheds Organisations. She advised that the Evaluation Committee applied the funding criteria on both rounds of funding. 40 applications for the Community Enhancement Scheme and 9 applications for the Men's Sheds were received and the reports circulated provided details of all applications.

1. Community Enhancement Programme – Men’s Sheds

Mr C. Leyden excused himself for this part of the meeting as he has involvement in the Men’s Shed in Clarecastle. D. Power told the meeting that each Men’s Shed would receive €1,500 approximately. All of the Men’s sheds looked to purchase new and upgrade existing equipment which is eligible under the scheme. M. McKeown told the meeting that he was part of the Kilballyowen Men’s Shed which had been given a premises to work from recently and he was not aware of this funding. D. Power explained to him that only Men’s Sheds that were registered with the National Association were eligible for the grant. She also told him that to join the association it would cost €25 for registration. Cllr J Flynn was concerned about the purchase of defibrillators and the health & safety issues that may occur and enquired if the members of the shed would be given training. D. Power told the meeting that training would be included with the purchase of the equipment and that the shed’s may look at letting the wider community also have access and trainings. Mr. J Lynch also brought up the Health and Safety issues and hoped that all members would be properly trained as some of the equipment could be dangerous if not used correctly. Approval of these grants were proposed by Cllr J Flynn and seconded by M. Slattery


2. Community Enhancement Programme

Cllr J Flynn and M Slattery excused themselves from this part of the meeting as they had an interest in two of the applications. C Leyden remained out of the meeting also. D. Power explained to the meeting that there were two categories under the CEP funding-projects under €1000 and projects above €1000. 40% of the funding was to be given to projects under €1000 however only a small number were received so the Department are allowing the remaining money to be spent on the larger projects. 8 small projects and 31 larger projects were being considered. D Power went through each of the projects some did not meet the qualifying criteria so it was recommended that they did not receive funding. In total 26 projects were recommended for funding. A general discussion took place regarding the projects and in terms of disadvantage it was agreed that if any money was not spent could it be allocated to Newmarket Celtic Football Club as this is a very active club situated within an area of disadvantage and it caters for all ages. J. Lynch proposed the approval of the grants and D Graham seconded same.

The meeting then concluded.

Signed:


CHIEF OFFICER


CHAIRPERSON

Chief Officer

Chairperson

The workshop on the SICAP 2019 plan commenced

