

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee
meeting (LCDC) on Wednesday, 16th May 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. Mike McKee
Cllr. Richard Nagle
Ms. Margaret Slattery
Ms. Dóirín Graham
Ms. Mary O'Donoghue
Mr. Paul Patton
Mr. Jim Lynch
Ms. Esther Connellan
Mr. Christy Leyden
Mr. Cillian Murphy
Mr. Martin McKeown

Organisation:

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

Ms. Monica Meehan	Chief Officer
Mr. Michael Neylon	Rural Development
Ms. Karen Fennessy	Rural Development
Ms. Deirdre Power	Rural Development
Ms. Siobhán Brennan	Rural Development

Apologies

Mr. Pat Dowling	Chief Executive
Mr. Dermot Hayes	Social Inclusion
Ms. Helen Downes	Employers/Business
Mr. Padraic McElwee	Head of Enterprise

1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 8th February 2018 and matters arising.

A. Dundas welcomed everybody to the meeting. He referred to the minutes of the meeting of the 8th February 2018 and asked if there were any matters arising from them. As there were no matters arising, the minutes were proposed by Cllr. R. Nagle and seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers.

2. Healthy Ireland Fund Applications.

A. Dundas introduced this item and referred to the notice regarding the fund which had been previously circulated.

He called on K. Fennessy to present to the members. Cllr J. Flynn and M. Slattery excused themselves for this item as they advised the meeting that they had a connection with some of the projects under consideration.

K. Fennessy provided an overview of the Fund and informed the meeting that the LCDC and CYPSC are again submitting a joint application this year. She confirmed that large scale capital works were not eligible but small scale capital works were allowed. Tangible actions around the areas of physical activity, smoking cessation etc are to be encouraged and are included in this round of funding. Overall 20 applications were received with three deemed ineligible as they did not meet the terms of the fund. The total fund available to the LCDC and CYPSC is €112,100.

She advised that the Healthy Ireland Steering Group met and went through each application and prioritised same. The recommendation of the Steering Group is to submit 10 applications to the Department for further consideration.

A report on the evaluation process was circulated to the members with details of all applications included in the report. K. Fennessy went through the 10 applications and the recommended funding for each.

M. Meehan reminded the members that they established an ad hoc Funding Sub-committee last year for the purpose of drafting a set of evaluation criteria that could be applied to all funding streams coming before the LCDC. She also advised that the LCDC approved the criteria which have now been used to evaluate the Healthy Ireland Fund applications. M. O'Donoghue requested that the criteria be sent out with the application form in future so that groups know how their proposals will be evaluated. There was a general discussion around the projects, the Fund and Healthy Ireland and a welcome for the allocation of funding to the County.

A. Dundas thanked the sub-committee members for their work and K. Fennessy for her presentation. M. Meehan advised the members that their role was to consider the recommendation of the Steering Group regarding each proposed project and the level of funding being recommended. The recommendation of the Steering Group was accepted and was proposed by Cllr B. Chambers and seconded by C. Murphy.

3. Healthy Clare Strategy.

M. Meehan informed the meeting that guidance had issued regarding the preparation of the strategy which is being part-funded under the

Healthy Ireland Fund. A number of priority areas have been highlighted and it is intended that the strategy will focus on these. The appointed consultants will have completed the strategy by the end of August 2018. The Health Service Executive, Tusla, Clare Sports Partnership and Clare County Council form the Steering Group which is overseeing the preparation of the strategy.

D. Graham enquired as to why Mental Health was not included in the funding guidance. M Neylon explained that Mental/Psychological Health was not included in the funding for this phase but may be for the next phase. The group agreed that Mental/Psychological Health should be prioritised in Clare and they were told that this could be a priority when the Strategy was up and running. C. Leyden asked why there was no representative from educational services on the Steering Group. He felt that if young people are educated better regarding their health and fitness at a young age it could help to prevent some of the issues that arise as people get older. M. Slattery agreed that a representative from educational services should be represented.

M. McKeown asked who the consultant was for the Strategy. M. Meehan told the meeting that it was a company called Fruition and that they were based in Tralee, Co Kerry. They were appointed on foot of a tender process.

4. LECP Reporting Update and revised strategic actions for agreement

D. Power advised the meeting that the benchmarking was being updated to the 2016 Census figures and that the targets of the LECP remain the same. She confirmed that most of the lead agencies have inputted their data but she was still having difficulty with some of the agencies. She also told how there was a difficulty in standardising and matching the information coming through. It is hoped however that the 2017 report would be closed by the end of June 2018. A general discussion then took place and it was agreed that the members would send in their feedback positive and negative with regard to the LECP. M Slattery acknowledged D Powers hard work and patience with regard to the training she had given on the reporting system.

D Graham had concerns about the wording of some of the targets and asked could there be changes made. M Neylon said if the wording improves the implementation of the plan then the changes should be considered. M Meehan requested D. Graham to submit all her changes and then they could be discussed at a Community Implementation Team meeting and then brought to the next LCDC meeting.

5. Longitudinal Survey on Health, and revised strategic actions for agreement

M. Neylon advised the group that it is was hoped to carry out a Clare Survey on health and wellbeing. He noted that most surveys are carried out at a Regional level only. The cost of carrying out this survey is approximately €40,000 and include a door to door survey of 1,000 households. Clare County Council and the LCETB have committed to funding the survey and there is a shortfall in funding of approximately €10,000. The project will be subject to a procurement process with consultants in place by the end of the summer. The survey would then be carried out between August 2018 and October 2018, with the analysis taking place in November & December 2018. The Survey results would then be published by the end of January 2019.

6. AOB

M. O'Donoghue requested that an update on the funding approved through the committee to date be provided. She also sought clarity regarding the linkage with the LECP & LCDC to the Rural Development Strategy and the Rural Development Forum and requested that L. Cleary be invited to the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 18th July 2018 at 11.00am in the Training Room, Áras Contae an Chláir.

With no other business the meeting concluded.

Signed:

Andrew Dundas
Chairperson

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Chief Officer