

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting
on Wednesday, 6th February 2019 at 3 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
Ms. Dóirin Graham
Ms. Ann Marie Flanagan
Ms. Helen Downes
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Mr. Martin McKeown
Mr. Jim Lynch
Mr. Christy Leyden
Mr. Cillian Murphy

Organisation:

Agricultural Farmers Sector (Chairperson)
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Clare Local Development Company
Social Inclusion Interests
Employers/Business
Head of Enterprise
Environment Interests
Department of Social Protection
Community & Voluntary Interests
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Ms. Monica Meehan Chief Officer
Ms. Deirdre Power Rural Development
Ms. Siobhán Brennan Rural Development

Apologies

Mr. Pat Dowling Chief Executive
Ms. Esther Connellan HSE
Ms. Margaret Slattery Youth Sector
Ms. Mary O'Donoghue Social Inclusion Interests
Mr. Paul Patton Education & Training Board
Cllr. Richard Nagle Elected Member
Mr. Michael Neylon Rural Development

1. Minutes of LCDC meeting held on the 12th December 2018 and matters arising

A. Dundas referred to the minutes of the meeting of the 12th December 2018 and asked if there were any matters arising from them. D. Graham asked if two items on the minutes of the previous meeting could be amended, namely that Cllr J Flynn had asked if CLDC would contact Bedford Row a support group for ex-offenders and not the Probation Service and that CLDC would be meeting the RCDO's and informing them what work CLDC were going to be doing throughout the county. These amendments were agreed.

C. Leyden wished to clarify what he had highlighted in relation to a possible presentation to be given to the LCDC. It was his intention to try to raise awareness within the PPN & the LCDC of the growing concern regarding waste in general and specifically single use items such as plastics & non compostables. His intention was to request C. Murphy to give a short talk on waste initiatives undertaken in Kilkee and that he would deal with the consequences of single use items and how the emphasis needs to be placed on stopping their use across the board.

He also welcomed Minister Bruton's announcement regarding the intention of the Irish government to no longer allow single-use plastics in government offices". The minutes were then proposed by Cllr. B. Chambers and seconded by C. Murphy.

M. Meehan referred to the Healthy Clare Strategy presentation which was given at the previous meeting and which was approved by the group. She advised the meeting that the launch of the strategy would be taking place in March and in accordance with the Strategy, a working group will be established. The role of the group will be to oversee the strategy and decide what organisations would take the lead on the actions that are emerging. Denis Creedon who is a retired director of nursing has been proposed as the Independent Chair. Karen Fennessy is the Healthy Clare Officer. A discussion then took place as to who would be part of the Working Group and if it will include elected members, the Older Person's Council, retired sports people. M. Meehan confirmed that the committee will be made up of key organisations with responsibility for implementing the actions emerging from the strategy. She advised that the strategy was not just based on physical activity but covered a wider range of issues and it will be the role of all the organisations involved to deliver the agreed actions. H. Downes suggested that the working group could include a representative for primary and secondary schools. C Murphy asked could the group be flexible with its members to allow for the right expertise as and when needed. M. Meehan said that this could be done if an action in the strategy required same.

2. SICAP 2018 Annual Performance Review

M. Meehan referred to the approvals process regarding the annual SICAP Programme and confirmed that the Performance review is considered each year by the LCDC for formal endorsement. CLDC submitted their report to Pobal which has been reviewed and no issues have arisen. Pobal were happy with the quality of the inputs. A brief discussion then took place regarding the targets. Cllr. J. Flynn asked if the overall figures from 2014 to date be given to the group. C. Leyden asked if more testimonials be used as people could hear and see first-hand what work is carried out under SICAP and see how people benefit from the programme. D. Graham said that going forward CLDC would gather testimonials as they go as they are effective in showing what work is carried out. Approval of the 2018 SICAP plan was proposed by Cllr. B. Chambers and seconded by Cllr. J. Flynn.

3. LCDC Annual Report 2018

In relation to the LCDC Annual Report 2018 which was circulated prior to the meeting, M. Meehan asked the committee if they had any questions regarding same. As with previous years, the Annual Report needed to be adopted by the LCDC and then it would be submitted to the full Council. This was proposed by Cllr. B. Chambers and seconded by M. McKeown.

4. National Community Weekend

M. Meehan reminded the members that an email from the Department had been received late last year regarding the National Community Weekend fund and that the Council was now in receipt of the fund guidelines. She advised that €10,000 has been allocated to assist Community Groups with small local events over the May Bank Holiday Weekend. It is intended that this scheme will be advertised in the coming weeks inviting applications.

5. Behaviour & Attitudes presentation of Clare Survey

M. Meehan introduced the next item on the agenda which relates to an action in the Local Economic and Community Plan which had been discussed at a number of previous meetings of the LCDC. She advised that Clare County Council and the Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board had agreed to fund this action and a request for tender issued and Behaviour and Attitudes were successful in the bid. She introduced Elaine Sloane of Behaviour and Attitudes who advised that the survey was completed by the company in December 2018. The information that was gathered in the survey could possibly be used in the future for many purposes including actions to be implemented, funding support etc. The survey was carried out electronically and covered topics; health & wellbeing, transport, employment and education questions. Sampling points were taken throughout the county and 1,013 respondents took part. Elaine Sloane then went through the main findings of the survey for the committee.


A general discussion took place regarding the findings of the survey. Elaine Sloane was thanked for her presentation. C. Leyden said that the way the data was visually presented was very clever and thanked her for her work. M. Meehan advised that the survey results would be published in due course.

6. AOB

A.Dundas thanked everyone for their attendance. With no other business the meeting concluded.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 15th May 2019 at 11.00am in the Training Room, Áras Contae an Chláir.

Signed:



Chairperson



Chief Officer

