

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 11.00am in the Council Chamber, Áras Contae an Chláir, New Road, Ennis Co Clare and also remotely via ZOOM.**

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Andrew Dundas  
Cllr. Johnny Flynn  
Cllr. Bill Chambers  
Cllr. Cillian Murphy  
Ms. Dóirín Graham  
Ms. Margaret Slattery  
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan  
Mr. Paul Patton  
Mr. Jim Lynch

Ms. Hilary Tonge  
Mr. Padraic McElwee  
Ms. Helen Downes  
Ms. Bernie Haugh  
Mr. Michael Neylon

**Apologies Received**

Ms. Mary O'Donoghue  
Mr. Pat Dowling  
Ms. Deirdre Power  
Cllr. Gerard Flynn

**Organisation:**

Agricultural Farmers Sector (Chairperson)  
Elected Member  
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Elected Member  
Clare Local Development Company via Zoom  
Youth Sector via Zoom  
Community & Voluntary Interests via Zoom  
Education & Training Board  
Department of Employment Affairs & Social  
Protection via Zoom  
Community & Voluntary Interests  
Head of Enterprise  
Employers/Business via Zoom  
Chief Officer  
Rural Development

Social Inclusion Interests  
Chief Executive  
Rural Development  
Elected Member

## TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

**Issue:** Minutes of previous meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020 to be agreed by committee.

**Action:** Taking the minutes as read and with no matters arising they were proposed by Cllr B Chambers and seconded by Cllr C Murphy

**Responsibility:** N/A

## TOPIC 2: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME 2020

**Issue:** Ms B Haugh gave the committee an overview of the Community Enhancement Programme 2020 which was announced on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 and advised that the Departments separate allocation for Men's & Women's Sheds would not be available in 2020. It was also advised that 30% of the funding has to be allocated to projects under €1,000 and recommended consideration that the remainder of this funding would assist the socio-economic issues arising from Covid-19.

The following points were raised during the discussion.

- Consideration be given to ring-fencing an allocation to the Mens' /Womens' Sheds groups. A 75% allocation of the funding amount received in 2019 was suggested.
- A strategic approach considered when allocating funding i.e. more funding to larger / higher impact projects.
- The question was raised as to whether groups should have to have match fund the allocation under the CEP to maximize resources and encourage support from entire community. However CEP is specifically designed to target groups with limited resources in disadvantaged areas.
- The LCDC members of the Community Implementation Team should meet to decide on the conditions and criteria of the CEP funding.
- Information gathered from the recent submissions to questionnaire and from upcoming Community Implementation Team (CIT) meeting will guide the direction of prioritizing funding.
- Qualification criteria should be specific to ensure that the value of the funding scheme is maximised.

### **Actions:**

- CIT to meet to decide on best way to proceed with funding .
- Letter to be sent to Department asking them to reconsider the reinstatement of funding specifically for Men's Sheds.

**Responsibility:** Michael Neylon, Bernie Haugh, Deirdre Power, CIT member participation.

**Deadline:** 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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### TOPIC 3: COVID-19 SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES

**Issue:** Update on actions from the Covid-19 Socio-Economic Issues from last meeting and next steps

The following points were raised during the discussion.

- Issues could be divided demographically into two categories – Adults & Young People.
- This list of issues and actions required were received from the LCDC members and also from the members of Community & Voluntary sub-committee of the Clare Community Response Forum.
- It was agreed the LECP Implementation Team would meet to discuss and identify priority needs that could be addressed within the remit of the LCDC. Agencies and organizations are to self identify the areas or needs which fall within their remit.

**Action:**

- List of actions to be circulated to agencies and organisations to self identify which actions they can take lead on.
- Implementation Team to meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020.

**Responsibility:** M Neylon, B. Haugh

**Deadline:** 22nd July 2020

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### TOPIC 4: UPDATE ON ROTATION OF MEMBERSHIP

**Issue:** This item was postponed until the next meeting.

**Action:** B. Haugh to circulate the list of existing members and their tenure for discussion at next meeting.

The positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson will also need to be at the September meeting.

**Responsibility:** B. Haugh

**Deadline:** 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

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## TOPIC 5: NEXT MEETING DATES

**Issue:** Next meeting dates to be confirmed

**Action:** Confirmation of next meeting dates:

- CIT meeting Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 time & venue TBC.
- LCDC meeting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 time & venue TBC.

**Responsibility:** B. Haugh, D Power, M Neylon

**Deadline:** Next meeting.

Signed:   
Chairperson

  
Chief Officer