

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
remote meeting on Thursday 18th June 2020.**

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
Protection
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Ms. Bernie Haugh
Mr. Michael Neylon
Ms. Deirdre Power

Organisation:

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

Invited Guest

Sarah Clancy

Clare PPN.

Apologies

Ms. Esther Connellan
Cllr. Gerard Flynn
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Ms. Mary O'Donoghue
Mr. Pat Dowling
Ms. Helen Downes

HSE
Elected Member
Head of Enterprise
Social Inclusion Interests
Chief Executive
Employers/Business

Mr. A. Dundas welcomed new member Ms Hilary Tonge to the committee who would be representing Community & Voluntary Interests on behalf of the PPN.

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: Minutes of previous meeting held on 7th May 2020 to be agreed by committee.

Action: The minutes were proposed by Cllr B Chambers and seconded by Cllr C Murphy

Responsibility: N/A

TOPIC 2: COVID-19 SOCIO-ECONOMIC ISSUES

Issue 1: Discussion regarding the **Socio-Economic challenges** arising from the COVID-19 crisis and the LCDCs role in addressing any issues.

Issue 2: Update from the COVID-19 Community Response Forum. Ms B Haugh updated the committee with regard to COVID-19 Community Response Forum. A letter from the Community Response Forum was circulated to members.

Issue 3: Consideration of strategic approach and agreed actions in response to COVID-19

Note: Ms S Clancy from Clare PPN brought forward the views of Ms M O'Donoghue who was unable to attend the meeting.

The following points were raised during the discussion.

- LCDC should have a more active role in Covid-19 Response.
- Collaboration with agencies required to identify any gaps in service provision.
- Economic Development and Social Inclusion need to be completely linked while also taking into consideration the most rural and the most vulnerable in the county.
- Consideration of the LECP and its review.
- There is no Social Directorate or Housing Agency representative on the LCDC or any of it's sub-groups.
- LCDC are best placed take on the functions of Community Response Forum going forward. The strength of the LCDC is in collaboration.
- Most agencies already have an existing role in LCDC and use the LECP and SICAP to make their plans.
- Initiation of guest speakers in order to address the 5 main actions being dealt with.
- A list of vulnerable people and those most at risk as recently identified through the community response efforts to be circulated to the LCDC members.
- SICAP has a role in addressing issues but care must cannot cover all of the needs discussed. SICAP 2020 will undergo a Mid Year Check in July and August.

- A list of agencies on the ground already needs to be circulated with details of their service provision to avoid duplication.
- The LECP needs to be COVID proofed. Consideration of reviewing key targets of LECP and possibility of an addendum to the plan in light of changed circumstances.
- Need to support small hospitality & retail businesses. Description of upskilling courses available and the opportunity for those out of work to reskill/upskill. Need for short agile courses and traineeships.
- Educational disadvantage and barriers to online training and education needs to be addressed.
- A scoping exercise / questionnaire to front line agencies should be completed. A research brief is to be prepared.

Actions:

1. D. Power to contact the Dept. regarding the status of the LECP review.
2. List of most vulnerable in society to be circulated by D. Power.
3. Scoping exercise of front line agencies and the services they provide to be completed in order to identify unmet needs. M. Neylon to co-ordinate.
4. D. Power to circulate list of agencies and service used by the COVID Response helpline to members.
5. Full attendance is needed going forward in addressing the challenges ahead.

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

Deadline: Next Meeting

TOPIC 3: REVIEW OF MEETING DATES FOR 2020

Issue: Next meeting date to be confirmed considering change of new SICAP Deadline.

Action: Confirmation of next meeting date: Wednesday 15th July at 3pm.

Responsibility: B. Haugh

Deadline: Next meeting.

Signed: 
Chairperson


Chief Officer