

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2021 at 11.00am remotely via
ZOOM**

In Attendance:

Mr. Paul Patton
Cllr. Gerry Flynn
Mr. Andrew Dundas
Cllr. Bill Chambers
Cllr. Cillian Murphy
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Ms. Dóirín Graham
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Ms. Cornelia Wahli
Mr. Maurice Harvey
Cllr. Johnny Flynn
Ms. Bedelia Collins
Ms. Mary Moloney
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Ms. Bernie Haugh
Ms. Deirdre Power
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

Organization:

Education & Training Board (Chairperson)
Elected Member (Vice- Chairperson)
Agricultural Farmers Sector
Elected Member
Elected Member
Community & Voluntary Interests
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Clare Local Development Company
Social Inclusion Interests
Environmental Interests
Age Friendly Alliance Board
Elected member
HSE
Department of Social protection
Head of Enterprise
Chief Officer
Rural Development
Rural Development

Apologies Received

Mr. Pat Dowling
Ms. Margaret Slattery
Ms. Mary O'Donoghue
Mr. Michael Neylon

Chief Executive
Youth Sector via Zoom
Social Inclusion Interests
Rural Development via Zoom

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: Minutes of previous meeting held on 09th December 2020 to be agreed by committee.

Action Taking the minutes as read and with no matters arising they were proposed by Maurice Harvey and seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy.

Further notes re: minutes under AOB below.

Responsibility: N/A

1. TOPIC 2: LCDC MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Issue: Expiring Memberships: Mary O'Donoghue (Clare PPN), Margaret Slattery (Youth Sector) Andrew Dundas (Agriculture Sector), Helen Downes (Business Sector).

Actions: D. Power to circulate membership guidelines for 4 new replacements and to discuss at Aprils Meeting. Any recommendations for new memberships to be submitted to lcdc@clarecoco.ie before April meeting for consideration.

Responsibility: Deirdre Power

Members to make submissions

Deadline: 14th April 2021

TOPIC 3: SICAP

Issue: D. Power gave an update on the recent SICAP submission to Pobal, the Annual Plan Report for 2020 has been circulated to all members. No issues had been raised and the Annual Plan for 2020 was formally approved.

Actions: Approval of SICAP Annual Plan was proposed by Dermot Hayes and Seconded by Hillary Tonge.

Other: Question raised regarding Traveller specific services. P. Patton to issue Traveller Education Report.

Responsibility: D. Power
P. Patton

Deadline: SICAP 26th of February 2021

TOPIC 4: COVID-19 SOCIAL-ECONOMIC ISSUES

Issue: B. Haugh gave an update on the recent updates from the Community Response Forum regarding Food and Fuel Poverty issues arising as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. A recent sub-committee of the Community Response Forum met to discuss funding solutions to alleviate the emergency.

Actions: A funding submission directly relating to this issue has been submitted to the COVID-19 Emergency Fund (Round 2) and this will be considered under the following agenda item.

Proposed by N. O’Callaghan and seconded by Cllr. B. Chambers.

The funding sub-committee and staff from the Rural Development Section of Clare County Council will continue to help identify alternative funding sources.

Responsibility: Community Response Forum

Deadline: Ongoing

TOPIC 5: COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND (ROUND 2)

Issue: Consideration and approval of the recommended list of projects for the COVID-19 Emergency Fund.

Actions: The list circulated to members of recommended projects was considered and scored by the LCDC funding sub-committee on February 15th.

25 projects have been proposed for approval.

Proposed by D. Hayes and seconded by M. Harvey.

Responsibility: Rural Development Dept.

Deadline: Letters of Offer to be sent to successful applicants by Feb. 26th and all projects to be completed by end of August 2021

TOPIC 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Issue:

Minutes: The members have agreed that Any Other Business be added to the Meeting Agenda for urgent issues. It is recommended that, if possible members bring items forward for the agenda in advance so that sufficient time can be allocated to items arising.

Climate Change: Discussion regarding consideration of Climate Change as a reoccurring agenda item at LCDC meetings. It was decided that Climate Change and other issues relating to members sectoral areas could be presented to members at regular intervals throughout the year. These items can be raised in advance of meetings to be added into the agenda.

Proposal that C.Wahli present the outcome of the Climate Conversations on behalf of the PPN at the next LCDC meeting.

Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP): B. Haugh communicated updates regarding the LECP to members.

- **Update on the review of LECPs.**

The LECP Advisory Group just had their first meeting 28th January. The terms of reference were provided and the approach to the process was finalised.

Consultation with the Local Authorities will be starting shortly, as will the convening of focus groups with Chief Officers/Chairs, the PPN National Advisory Group, and economic representatives. All Government Departments will be engaged regarding relevant strategies and policies that will be considered in the context of the LECP.

A new draft Guideline should be with the LECP Advisory Group before the next meeting 4th March 2021.

Clare Survey: Consideration to be given to carrying out another Clare survey to account for the gap in data and the delay in the next census. The Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board would support the Clare Survey as previously.

Communication of Projects Funded: Successful LCDC projects to be communicated via the council's social media and other publicity channels.

Action: Consider how the LCDC might showcase Community Group grant recipients across the County as a mechanism to animate and encourage other Community Groups to consider projects/funding applications to benefit their respective communities.

Responsibility: Chief Officer and Deirdre Power

Deadline: N/A

TOPIC 6: NEXT MEETING DATE

Issue: Schedule of next meeting date.

Action: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th April at 3pm, online via zoom.

Responsibility: Chief Officer and Deirdre Power

Deadline: N/A

Signed:



Chief Officer

Chairperson