

Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting held
on Thursday June 3rd 2021 at 11.00am remotely via ZOOM

In Attendance:

Mr. Paul Patton
Cllr. Cillian Murphy
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Ms. Cornelia Wahli
Mr. Maurice Harvey
Cllr. Johnny Flynn
Ms. Mary Moloney
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Mr. **Thomas Lane**
Ms Bernadette Haugh
Ms. Deirdre Power
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

Organization:

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

Apologies Received

Mr. Pat Dowling
Cllr. Gerry Flynn
Cllr. Bill Chambers
Ms. Dóirín Graham
Ms. Bedelia Collins

Chief Executive
Elected Member (Vice- Chairperson)
Elected Member
Clare Local Development Company
HSE

TOPIC 1: CONSIDERATION OF THE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT

PROGRAMME (CEP) 2021

Issue: The CEP 2021 has been launched by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD). County Clare has received €139,257 for 2021

Action: Following discussion of the funding guidelines it was agreed by consensus of members to prioritise the grant categories as follows:

- Small scale grant of €1,000 or less. (Maximum fund available €41,000). Available to community / voluntary groups, men's / women's sheds and sport clubs.

- Larger scale grants up to a maximum of €10,000. (Maximum fund available €98,257)
Available to community centre's and playgrounds.

The timeline for the grant process was agreed as follows:

- June 8th – Launch of CEP grant scheme.
- July 15th – closing date for applications.
- July 28th – approval of projects at next LCDDC meeting.
- December 31st – deadline for completion of projects.

Notes:

- B. Haugh relayed the contents of attached letter from Cllr. Pat Hayes, chairperson of the Clare Rural Development Forum expressing feedback from the Rural Development Forum members regarding a local need to upgrade playgrounds in the county following additional use during the lockdown period and in advance of a busy tourist season.
- Consideration be given to including a match funded criteria to further CEP funding programmes of 5%. This would support the ethos of building capacity amongst community groups in leveraging funding.
- Biodiversity, green areas and natural settings of playgrounds to be considered where appropriate in further development of playgrounds.
- Advice to community groups will be provided if they plan to install accessible seating. It was noted that there are some outdoor seating options on the market that are not suitable for wheelchair users, people with children's buggies etc.
- Community groups and particularly community centers will be encouraged to provide meeting spaces for young and old people as there is a lack of socializing spaces available following COVID restrictions. This will be highlighted in the scoring criteria.
- CO2 monitors to be listed in the examples of projects in the guidelines as eligible equipment.

TOPIC 6: NEXT MEETING DATE

Issue: Schedule of next meeting date.

Action: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28th July at 11am, online via zoom.

Responsibility: Chief Officer and Deirdre Power

Deadline: N/A

Signed:

Chief Officer 

Chairperson 