

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting held on Wednesday 06th October 2021 at 11.00am remotely via
ZOOM**

In Attendance:

Mr. Paul Patton
Cllr. Cillian Murphy
Cllr. Johnny Flynn
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Ms. Dóirín Graham
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Mr. Maurice Harvey
Ms. Bedelia Collins
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Ms. Colette Bradley
Mr. Thomas Lane
Ms. Bernie Haugh
Ms. Deirdre Power
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

Organization:

Education & Training Board (Chairperson)
Elected Member
Elected member
Community & Voluntary Interests
Clare Local Development Company
Social Inclusion Interests
Age Friendly Alliance Board
HSE
Head of Enterprise
PPN Representative
Agriculture Sector
Chief Officer
Rural Development
Rural Development

Apologies Received

Mr. Pat Dowling
Cllr. Bill Chambers
Ms. Mary Moloney
Mr. Brian McManus
Ms. Cornelia Wahli
Cllr. Gerry Flynn
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan
Ms. Margaret O'Brien

Chief Executive
Elected Member
Dept. of Social Protection
Youth Service
Environmental Interests
Elected Member (Vice- Chairperson)
Community & Voluntary Interests
Ennis Chamber

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: The minutes from meeting held on 28th July 2021 are considered for approval. No issues arising.

Action: Proposer by Johnny Flynn. Seconded by Cllr. Cillian Murphy

Responsibility: NA

TOPIC 2: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

Issue: Update on the Community Enhancement Programme 2021 from the LCDC funding sub-committee.

The LCDC funding sub-committee met on September 8th to assess the 2021 scheme. The scheme was heavily oversubscribed with funding requests received for over €300,000. The total fund available to Clare is €139,257. 64 Project were approved for funding, 18 projects will receive over 1,000.00 and the remaining projects will receive €1000.00 or less. The full list of successful projects was issued with the department's press release to members.

Members raised concerns regarding the timeframe for delivery of the projects before year end. B. Haugh advised that this had been raised by the Chiefs Officers network at their September meeting which was attended by the DRCD who agreed to relay the feedback at national level.

TOPIC 3: SICAP PROGRAMME UPDATE

Issue: Update from the SICAP sub-committee

LCDC members were advised that the SICAP sub-committee and Clare Local Development Company met with Pobal on Sept 22nd for the annual engagement meeting.

Pobal advised that there is an upcoming Programme Review to be completed as the programme is in its 4th year. Pobal have requested that the LCDC in conjunction with CLDC outline the SICAP priorities for the remainder of the programme. This will be submitted along with the Annual Plan for 2022.

Actions: Annual Plan to be presented to LCDC Members at November meeting. SICAP case study to be circulated to members.

Responsibility: D. Power

TOPIC 4: SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FUND 2021

Issue: Update regarding the Social Enterprise Fund 2021 from the funding sub-committee. Member's were informed the LCDC funding sub-committee met on September 14th to confirm the terms and conditions of the Social Enterprise Fund. This is the first year of this funding scheme and Clare LCDC was awarded €26,451 to administer to social enterprises in the county. The closing date for applications is October 15th after which time the funding sub-committee will meet to assess. The proposed list of projects will be forwarded to the Department, and they will have final decision on successful projects.

Actions: Sub-committee to meet after the 15th of October to access applications. B. Haugh to raise LCDC queries with Chief Officer's network regarding the possibility of a Social Enterprise register.

Responsibility: Funding sub-committee / B. Haugh

TOPIC 5: LECP UPDATE

Issue: LCDC members were advised that at a recent meeting of the Chief Officers network, the DRCD advised that the review of the LECP guidelines has been completed and are awaiting ministerial sign-off. The guidelines are expected to be issued this week and will be followed by staff information sessions in October. The main change is that the LECP will be a 2-step process: LECP framework document – Strategic document with goals, objectives and potential outcomes at an aspirational level supported by Implementation Plan i.e., 3 Two-Year plans over the lifetime of the LECP which will set out a limited number of key actions for the period. It is expected that all new LECP's will be in place by January 2023. Between now and end of next year the Dept. will develop socio economic profiles for each County as a baseline set of socio-economic data to inform the LECP process. This will be reviewed as part of the 2nd implementation plan to take account of new census data.

Actions: Document if available to be circulated for November's meeting. To regroup a sub-committee following updates from the LECP guild line

Responsibility: B. Haugh

TOPIC 6: AOB

Issue: Update on Circular Economy / Community Wealth topic.

B Haugh advised that LCDC support staff are required to focus on LCDC statutory functions which has been prioritised over other initiatives this year. Cllr. McGettigan has provided details of a suggested speaker on community wealth building. This information session, which was agreed by the Members, will be arranged by LCDC support staff in due course to inform the LCDC members, albeit in the knowledge that this topic would have more relevance to the wider political sphere i.e., SPC's and its further influence on local/national policy to support this type of model in the future.

Action: Information briefing for LCDC members on community wealth building to be arranged in the coming months

Responsibility: B. Haugh.

Deadline: N/A

TOPIC 6: NEXT MEETING DATE

Issue: Schedule of next meeting date.

Action: The next meeting will be held on November 24th, 2021.

To be arranged after Government Guidelines on October 22nd. Possibility of hosting meeting online or at Clare County Council

Responsibility: Paul Patton, Chief Officer

Deadline: N/A

Signed:



Chief Officer: Bernadette Haugh



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Chairperson: Paul Patton