

**Minutes of
Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting held on
26th Oct 2022 at 11am
[remotely via ZOOM]**

In Attendance

Mr. Paul Patton
Ms. Bernie Haugh
Mr. Cllr. Gerry Flynn
Ms. Bridget Ginnitty
Cllr. Johnny Flynn
Cllr Cillian Murphy
Cllr. Bill Chambers
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan
Ms. Colette Bradley
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin
Mr. Brian McManus
Ms. Dóirín Graham
Mr. Brendan Boyce
Ms. Bedelia Collins
Ms. Sheila Lynch
Ms. Bridgie Casey
Mr. Maurice Harvey
Mr. Thomas Lane
Ms. Dena Mcgrath (Guest)

Organisation

Chairperson - Education & Training Board
Chief Officer
Elected Member
Environmental
Elected member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Elected Member
Community & Voluntary Interests
Community & Voluntary Interests
PPN Representative
Rural Development
Clare Youth Service
Clare Local Development Company
Rural Development
HSE
Ennis Chamber
Social Inclusion
Age Friendly Alliance Board
Agriculture Sector
Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator

Apologies received

Mr. Dermot Hayes
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Ms. Mary Moloney
Mr. Pat Dowling

Social Inclusion Interests
Head of Enterprise
Dept. of Social Protection (Retiring)
Chief Executive

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: Minutes from May 11th taken as read

Proposed: Hilary Tonge

Seconded: Cllr. Gerard Flynn

Matters Arising

Sympathy was expressed on the untimely passing of Cornelia Wahli (RIP) Clare PPN and Margaret Ryan (RIP) Rural Development. A minute's silence was held.

TOPIC 2: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Issue: Paul Patton acknowledged outgoing LCDC Member Colette Bradley and thanked her for her contribution to the LCDC since April 2021.

New members were welcomed. Bridgie Casey will be replacing Colette Bradley. Bridgie Casey is a member of the Traveller community, she is currently employed as Project Co-ordinator with Clare Travellers CDP. Previously, Bridgie was employed by CENA (Traveller lead housing body). Bridgie has worked with Traveller organisations at local and national level. Bridgie is committed to working with and for her community to achieve positive outcomes.

Also new member Bridget Ginnity. Bridget Ginnity – Environmental College replacing Cornelia Wahli (RIP) Bridget strongly believes that our towns and countryside in Clare can be an even better place to live if we develop active travel and public transportation options, if we enhance biodiversity and access to nature and upgrade our housing efficiently. Public participation is the way we can achieve the best solutions, and they also reduce our carbon emissions and help us deal with the climate emergency. Bridget brings scientific training and broad experience to these issues – as a regulatory scientist with the European Chemical Agency (ECHA), as an environmental science and occupational hygiene consultant, and as product manager with air pollution instrumentation companies. She also holds a professional certificate in governance and is a board member with the Ennis Book Club Festival and trustee of Clare Haven.

TOPIC 3: HEALTHY IRELAND FUND- ROUND 4

Issue: The new healthy Ireland County Coordinator for Clare Dena McGrath gave a brief update and presentation on works completed under the Previous Healthy Ireland round 3 funding and what to expect from Round 4 healthy Ireland Funding in Clare.

Question/ Information:

Paul Patton advised Dena McGrath to contact Aobhan Haverty in relation to the LCETB being included as a Member of the Healthy Clare Working Group.

Bridget Ginnity advised Dena that Active travel has a key part to play and that An Taisce have a Clare Active Travel Co-Ordinator. Paul Patton followed on from that point and advised that that Limerick have a safe Route to school Programme which could feed into the Healthy Clare Programme & Initiatives.

The Blue Economy was also referenced as a means of Improving Mental Health which was echoed by Bedelia Collins and Cllr. Cillian Murphy and should be important to consider in future actions?

The LCDC Members extended an invite to Dena McGrath to further update the LCDC on the Healthy Clare Funding Programme (Round 4) in early 2023.

Paul Patton wished Dena well in her new role and acknowledged the work of the previous healthy Clare Coordinator Karen Fennessy.

Actions: Presentation to be forwarded to The LCDC Members

Dena McGrath to be invited to LCDC meeting in early 2023



Healthy Clare
Round 4 Funding - I

Responsibility: Anita O Loughlin

TOPIC 4: SICAP UKRAINIAN ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Issue: The Chief Officer updated Members on the Ukrainian Funding of €324,929 allocated under SICAP followed by a presentation from Doirin Graham CLDC on the utilization of the funding in Clare

In July an application was made for additional funding for the Ukrainian Response under SICAP. There were 2 goals set out under the new funding
Goal 1: Ukraine Response Community Supports, this was to provide community development supports to Ukrainians and to local community organisations responding to the needs of Ukrainians in Clare.

Goal 2: Ukraine Response - Working in Ireland and Supports for Children and Young People - To support individuals to improve or transfer existing work-related skills into the local and regional jobs market. To support the development and integration of children and young people. The Total Funding that was allocated was €324,929

Niamh O Callaghan wanted to highlight the two-tier system, she feels that Refugees are now left to do the work that some people in society won't do and feels this need to be addressed and at the same time there are people from our own communities being left behind. She also feels that once Ukrainian families are settled in their community that they shouldn't be asked to move on.

Acknowledging his promotion to the Social Directorate, the Chief Officer thanked Padraig MacCormaic for his hard work and support to the LCDC since his assignment to the roll in March this year. She also took the opportunity to welcome Brendan Boyce as Padraig's replacement. Brendan has recently been promoted from the Social Directorate to Rural and will join the Chief Officer's Team as support to the LCDC on 1st November.

Action: SICAP Presentation to be Forwarded to members



UK response
powerpoint Oct 26.i

Responsibility: Anita O'Loughlin

TOPIC 5: SICAP

- Issue:**
- Doirin Graham from CLDC gave a Presentation on the SICAP Programme 2022.
 - Formal Approval of the SICAP Case Study
 - Update on the Community Development Pilot Program

Doirin Graham from CLDC gave a comprehensive presentation on the SICAP Programme Mid-Year review, for formal approval by the LCDC. Formal approval of the SICAP Case Study was also presented to the Members. The Chairperson advised that both items had been agreed by the Chairperson and Deputy Chief Officer during the Summer in order to meet requirements. Retrospective approval was therefore sought to formalise both items.

Action: **Formal Approval of SICAP Mid-Year Review & SICAP Case Study.**

Proposed: Niamh O Callaghan

Seconded: Hillary Tonge

This was followed by an update on the Community Development Pilot Programme, delivered by Bridgie Casey

Bridgie Casey gave an overview of the current status of the 3 Pilot Programme and outlined its objectives.

The Steering group is made up of 4 Groups

- CLDC
- Pobal Clare
- Clare Women's network Collective
- HSE

The aim of the project is to develop a traveller-based programme, which will create a more equal society. The group have been meeting on a regular basis. They are currently sharing the building with the Clare PPN and Clare Women's Collective. They have a women's group up and running and are engaging with communities on the roadside through their outreach work. They are focused on Improving Leadership and working towards equality, respect, representation, and empowerment. The suicide rate amongst the travelling community is 7 times higher than the settled population.

The group is very active in local and national events. Clare Women's Collective has made 2 submissions, one to the County Development Plan and a second to the review of the Traveller Accommodation Plan. They are hoping to arrange an appointment with Pdraig Mc Cormaic of the Social Directorate to see how they

can work with Clare County Council. She also advised that Traveller Pride was celebrated in July.

Feedback

Cllr. Johnny Flynn congratulated Bridgie on the Programme and advised that he has a huge interest in this area. Cllr. Cillian Murphy & Cllr Johnny Flynn referenced the importance of communication and engagement with the Traveller Community and that such is key to address issues on both sides of the table.

Paul Patton informed Bridgie that there are Traveller focused programmes in place with the LCETB, and Aobhann Haverty would be the contact person in relation to same.

TOPIC 6: ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY FOR CO. CLARE

Issue: Request for LCDC to Host Workshop on Clare PPN – “Towards an Anti-Poverty Strategy for Co. Clare –11th November 2022

The Chief Officer advised members that further to a recent Notice of Motion at the October meeting, it was proposed that the LCDC host a Workshop on the Clare PPN’s recent publication “Towards an Anti-Poverty Strategy for Clare” to which Dr. Conor Mc Cabe will be invited to outline his findings/ recommendations from his recent research and publication. She outlines that this report is timely as we commence the LECP process, and she welcomes the LCDC’s request to host this event. She sought the approval of the members for an invitation to issue on behalf of the LCDC to the LCDC Members, Clare Rural Development Forum, the four Strategic Policy Committees and Elected members. Senior Staff and Management Team of Clare Co. Council.

Dr. Conor Mc Cabe is available on Friday 11th November from 10am – 13.00 in the Temple Gate Hotel. This will be an in-person meeting as there will be up to one hundred invitees.

Actions: Invite to be forwarded to all attending

Responsibility: Anita O’Loughlin

Proposed: Cllr.Cillian Murphy

Seconded: Niamh O’ Callaghan

TOPIC 7: LECP UPDATE

Issue: LECP update and Nominees sought

The Chief Officer advised that she has a draft of the LECP Tender for the engagement of a consultant prepared. She has engaged with the Economic Directorate for their input into the Tender Docs. The Tender Documents will specify the key requirements for the process which include the following: The request for Tender (RFT) Consultancy Services for Preparation of Local Economic & Community Plan 2022- 2028 to include a Socio-Economic Statement & Analysis for Co Clare, a comprehensive Public Consultation Process, and an initial two-year Implementation Plan. It is intended that the first order of business for the LECP Advisory Steering Group will be to approve the Tender Documents for E-Tenders.

- **LCDC Nominations to the Advisory Steering Group**

The Chief Officer outlined that the LECP is a process and in accordance with the guidelines, Clare County Council is required to establish an LECP Advisory Steering Group to have regard to the need to integrate the Economic and Community Elements of the LECP and to avoid duplication of effort and engagement with stakeholders. The Advisory Steering Group will assist with the preparation drafting, adoption, implementation, and monitoring of the LECP during the life cycle of the plan. The Advisory Steering Group membership as prescribed in the Guidelines and subject to avoiding unwieldy size, it was requested that the LCDC nominate a maximum of three representatives to sit on the advisory steering group as follows:

- **TBC – Nomination from Local Development Company**
- **TBC – Nomination from LCDC – Community & Voluntary**
- **TBC – Nomination from LCDC – State Agency/Other**

Cllr. Johnny Flynn was nominated by Cllr Cillian Murphy

Proposed: Cllr Cillian Murphy

Seconded: Cllr Gerry Flynn

Dorin Graham expressed her interest as CEO of CLDC

Proposed: Mr. Paul Patton

Seconded: Cllr Gerry Flynn

Bridgie Casey was nominated by Cllr. Johnny Flynn:

Proposed: Cllr. Johnny Flynn

Seconded: Mr. Paul Patton

Niamh O Callaghan was nominated by Hillary Tonge

Proposed: Hillary Tonge

Seconded: Cllr Johnny Flynn

TOPIC 8: AOB

- Issue:**
- SICAP Allocation to “Jump a Grade Programme”
 - SICAP Allocation to “I Scoil programme”

Darina green gave an overview of the “**Jump -a -grade Programme**” she advised that it is a fantastic programme for exam year students in Ennistymon Vocational School and Kilrush Community College to participate in online grinds with Jump a Grade. Twenty students (ten per school) have been given an opportunity they otherwise couldn’t access.

Darina also advised the members that she would like to support three students under the “**I-Scoil Programme**” and provided an overview of same

Darina Greene requested the approval of the LCDC for the allocation funds from SICAP to support the following:

- €10,000 from SICAP 2022 Budget - **Jump -a -grade Programme**
- €15,000 from SICAP 2022 Budget - **I-Scoil Programme**

Proposed: Niamh O Callaghan

Seconded: Cllr. Johnny Flynn

TOPIC 10: Next Meeting

Wednesday 16th November @ 11am

Signed:



**LCDC
Chairman:**

Mr. Paul Patton

Signed:



**LCDC Chief
Officer:**

Bernie Haugh