

Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee
(LCDCC) Meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2025 at 11.00am
(Online)

In Attendance:

Mr. Joe Killeen
Mr. Paul Patton
Mr. Brian McManus
Ms. Doírin Graham
Ms. Bedelia Collins
Ms. Emma Karren
Ms. Leonore O 'Neill
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Cllr. Rachel Hartigan
Mr. Stephen Walsh
Cllr. James Ryan
Ms. Ann Reynolds

Organisation:

Elected Member (Chair)
Education & Training Board (Vice Chairperson)
Youth Service
Clare Local Development Company
HSE
Environmental PPN Rep
Economic Development
Social Inclusion Clare PPN
Elected Member
Agriculture Sector (IFA)
Elected Member
Rural Development (DOS)

LCDCC Support Staff

Ms. Bernadette Haugh
Ms. Catherine O Hara
Mr. Frank Cullinan
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

Chief Officer LCDCC
Rural Development
Rural Development
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Apologies Received

Cllr. Bill Slattery
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Ms. Bridgie Casey
Mr. Mary O'Callaghan
Sgt. Catriona Holohan
Ms. Sheila Lynch
Ms. Bernie O Gorman

Elected Member
Head of Enterprise
Social Inclusion Clare PPN
Age Friendly
Garda Siochana
Business Sector
Community and Voluntary Rep Clare PPN

*Quorum reached

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2025 were approved. No issues arising.

Action: Proposer by Mr. Paul Patton
Seconded by Mr. Dermot Hayes

TOPIC 2: Agency/LCDC Programme Presentation:

Issue: Samantha Mc Carthy the Healthy Clare Coordinator gave a presentation to the LCDC members on Healthy Clare Programme round 4.

Following the presentation a discussion ensued where the following points were raised.

- Emma Karren suggested that there needed to be better access to health care especially around target groups with better resources to cooking well and physical exercises along with better G.P access.
- Bedelia Collins (HSE) suggested that people need to be encouraged to buy local products to promote healthy eating and also suggested that community gardens initiatives could be looked at as a resource to be put in place.
- Brian Mc Manus of Clare Youth Service suggested that the Department of Health give more support to communities i.e. Food bags through sports clubs.
- Paul Patton advised members that the LCETB have a fund for Health and wellbeing, and through this, events around Health Literacy are run. These events complement the Healthy Clare Programme.
- Cllr. J Ryan asked if Bedelia and Samantha could collaborate to give a presentation to a local youth club and family learning network in East Clare.
- Doirín Graham (CLDC) confirmed that CLDC collaborated well with the Healthy Clare Programme on a number of initiatives especially their SICAP and traveler programmes.

In response Samantha welcomed all feedback and noted that while some of the issues raised were outside her remit, she would engage with the HSE Healthy Ireland team by way of follow up and support.



What is Healthy
Clare for LCDC Mem

Responsibility: LCDC Staff to circulate presentation

The HSE made a number of presentations on the HSE Healthy Clare programme which related directly to action included in the LECIP implementation plan 2025- 2026

HSE Presentations

Presentation 1: Skin Cancer Prevention:

Bernadette Mullins of the HSE gave an insightful presentation on Skin Cancer prevention with Clare farming community



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Prevention and Early

Presentation 2: Health Literacy:

Cathrina Kiely, Health Literacy Communications Officer and Bedelia Collins gave an insightful presentation on health Literacy.

Bedelia advised members that if anyone needed information or support to contact Bedelia or Cathrina directly



Health Literacy
Clare LCDCC.pdf

Presentation 3:

Clare Healthcare Access Project

Norma Quirke East Clare Community Healthcare Network Manager, Rachel McNamara Specialist Register Public Health and Bedelia Collins



Clare Access
Healthcare Project LC

Follow the presentation a discussion ensued where the following points were raised.

- Cllr, Joe Killeen thanked the HSE staff for their presentation and suggested that the HSE should engage with the agricultural shows as a way of promoting skin cancer prevention among the Farming community. He also highlighted the need for equitable access for all and for the Clare Healthcare access project to be presented to the Rural Development SPC.
- IFA rep Stephen Walsh suggested that the HSE present their Skin Care prevention project at IFA meetings in county Clare and noted that rural transport is important to support older people in accessing hospital appointments.
- Doirín Graham (CLDC) mentioned that they collaborate closely with the HSE in getting access to local groups and that there is a lot of shared interest and objectives in this area, it would be great to talk with the HSE and look at addressing this whole area and how CLDC can help support this work in disadvantage areas.

Responsibility: LCDC Staff to circulate presentations and HSE contact details

TOPIC 4: LCDC PROGRAMMES / FINANCE UPDATE

Issue: Update on the Local Enhancement Programme 2025 and LCDC Annual Report

Frank Cullinan updated members on the Local Enhancement Programme. This scheme is broken into 2 funds the main fund (€155,195.00) for capital projects/ purchase of equipment etc. There were 148 completed applications seeking funding totaling €480,974.67.

For the day-to-day running costs there is total funding of €25,866.00 available.

A total of 145 completed applications were received and the total amount of funding being sought is in excess of €400,000.00.

It was noted that a meeting of the finance subcommittee will be arranged in the coming weeks to discuss the applications received and make final recommendations on funding to the department of Rural Community development on behalf of LCDC.

LCDC Annual Report 2024

Catherine advised members that the annual report for 2024 is currently being finalized.

A draft copy of the report will issue to members shortly for their input, if they feel there are any items that should be included, please advise.

The annual report will then be presented to the full council at the next available council meeting for adoption and forwarded to the department.

Responsibility: LCDC Staff to circulate The LCDC report to members for review

TOPIC 5:

Issue: CDP Project End of year report

The Department has advised that the CDP Project Team have carried out a review of the 2024 EOY Progress Reports for the plan and budget. The LCDC support staff have been asked to carry out our own check and feedback is due back to the department on 07th March 2025.

TOPIC 6: NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LCDC meeting will be held in person on 09th April 2025 at 11am.

Signed:



LCDC Chairman

Mr. Joe Killeen

Signed:



LCDC Chief Officer: Ms. Bernadett Haugh