

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
18th July, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. Via teleconferencing and Zoom**

Present:

Public Sector: Karl Cashel (TCC), Cllr John Carroll, Cllr Joe Hannigan, Kate Cassidy (HSE), Adrian Cunneen (DEASP) Pat Carroll (IFA), John O’Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Colin Cummins (TETB) **(8)**

Private Sector: Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Julie O’Halloran (PPN), Mike Edwards (PPN), Gearoid O’Foighil (PPN) **(6)**

Apologies: Derry O’Donnell (PPN), Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh (PPN), Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC)

In Attendance: Pat Slattery (Chief Officer), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC), Marie Cox (TCC), Stephanie O’Callaghan (TCC), Áine Roche (TCC), Cliona Tobin (TCC)

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u> The meeting was opened and all were welcomed. Eoin welcomed the two new PPN members Gearoid O’Foighil and Mike Edwards to the Committee.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum</p> <p>1.2 Conflict of Interest Members were advised that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded. It was noted that newly appointed member Gearoid O’Foighil was involved in the IEC process for some projects being presented to this meeting and would have to refrain from decision making process.</p> <p>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>1.4 Ethics Documents Margo asked the committee to fill in and return the Ethics Documents forms for 2022.</p> <p>1.5 Screen Shot of meeting to show attendance A Screen Shot was taken of meeting attendance.</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 18th July, 2022 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 20th June, 2022 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Julie O’Halloran.</p>

4. SICAP Updates

- **Report from the SICAP Mid-Year Review**

Margo gave a brief background to SICAP for the new members and she gave an update on the Mid-Year Review for North Tipperary and South Tipperary Development Companies.

The SCIAP Mid-Year Review Report was approved on the proposal of Mike Edwards seconded by John O'Shaughnessy.

- **Ukrainian Support through SICAP**

Margo informed the Committee of the extra Funding coming in through SICAP for NTDC and STDC to support the displaced Ukrainians. There is a meeting being held on Thursday coming to progress further.

Michael Murray complimented Tipperary County Council on the amount of work being undertaken with displaced Ukranians and he wanted to acknowledge the out of hours work and flexibility carried out by Pat Slattery and his team. Isabel Cambie seconded Michaels proposal.

5. 5.1 LEADER

5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Michael Murray briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects and then outlined the details of the following NTDC projects to the members:-

Project Code:	30LDRNTP117824
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	North Tipperary Development Company
Description:	Training programme for private water suppliers in Tipperary. Delivery of an education package via 4 workshops by a competent and experienced service provider for c.120 private water suppliers in Tipperary.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Safeguarding Our Water Resources. Strategic Action 7.1: Water Awareness Raising Programmes.
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€7,300
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme	N/A

Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green, bio and circular economy within the LAG area.
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of total project cost (€7,300) = €7,300.00
Proposed by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	Yes – Michael Murray and Isabel Cambie
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Michael Murray and Isabel Cambie declared a Conflict of Interest for the above named project and left the meeting for the decision making process.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP117826
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Derryville Environmental Solution Ltd.
Description:	The purchase of a multifunctional solid liquid separation unit for dewatering sludge which will optimise efficiencies by reducing disposal costs, environmental water processing and produce higher quality material for a bio unit (2nd phase) which will be a source of green energy. The machine has the ability to recover up to 90% of material from initial load of sludge which results in reduced disposal costs helping business to save money from the outset. A key feature is a dual screening system which removes oversize and grit. This highly versatile product can be applied to any mobile solid/liquid separation market including sewage tank sludge, hydro excavation waste and more allowing for other possible waste processing. It can tackle many different jobs and wastes creating new market opportunities for the end products.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Development of Renewable energy. Strategic Action 9.2: Renewable Energy Production.
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€112,500.00
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	N/A
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS.	Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green, bio and circular economy within the LAG area.

(Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€150,000.00)=€112,500.00
Proposed by:	Cllr John Carroll
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP117838
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Killaloe-Ballina Tennis Club, C/o Elaine O'Connor, Grange Road, Ballina, Killaloe P.O., Co Tipperary
Description:	<p>The tennis club application to the LEADER Cooperation Fund is for Phase 2, the tennis dome to cover the two new courts. Phase 1 groundworks are complete using club funding, a loan and Tomar Trust funding. Phase 3 has had LEADER Cooperation Fund grant approval. Phase 4 has a longer timeline as there is an existing modest clubhouse but the increased demand anticipated due to the tennis dome will require a larger clubhouse in time.</p> <p>NOTE: This project was initially approved as project 30LDRntp107817 for a €99,828.50 grant from NTDC (26.58% of TEC of €375,484). CLDC were matching this amount and %. Due to C19, the work commencement was delayed and the winning tenderer has withdrawn, stating he cannot do the job for the money due to costs inflation. DRCD advised both CLDC and NTDC to close the old project decommitting the grant funding and for the promoter to return to e-tender the work and to submit a new project application. The new TEC is €489,776.49, an increase in TEC of c.30%. The grant amount now being sought remains the same, €99,828.50 each as previously but with a reduced contribution (20.38% of TEC of €489,776.49) each from both CLDC and NTDC. Additional matching funds are in place. THIS IS A COOPERATION PROJECT BETWEEN NTDC & CLDC.</p>
Theme:	Theme #2: Social Inclusion.
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 5: Support and Investment in Social Inclusion Initiatives in Rural Areas. Strategic Action 5.1.: To support and enable continuing improvement of access to services within the community for all citizens.
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€99,828.50
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI):	N/A

Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	
% level of aid & ceiling:	20.38% of total project cost (€489,776.47) = €99,828.50
Proposed by:	Cllr John Carroll
Seconded by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

5.2 STCD CEO Report (Decision)

Isabel Cambie briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects and then outlined the details of the following STDC projects to the members:-

Project Code:	30LDRSTP117778
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	St Patricks GAA Club (Cloneen, Co. Tipperary)
Description:	EURI St Patricks GAA Walkway. To create a 420m accessible walkway making at 550m circuit in Cloneen.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Basic Services
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€37,327.31
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	N/A
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	<p>The project meets the following aims of the EURI programme: Community based projects that seek to address emerging challenges as a result of Covid-19 pandemic, promoting greater social inclusion.</p> <p>In this case, a GAA club has identified a need for an outdoor recreational amenity which will contribute to positive physical and mental health and be inclusive of all in the community. This will assist the community to exercise safely, bringing people together and facilitating recovery from Covid.</p> <p>Work closely with communities, and particularly those who have not previously benefited from LEADER funding, to build their capacity in preparation for the next programming period and ensure that weaker communities are not left behind.</p>
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€49,769.75) = €37,327.31

Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Pat Carroll
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP1177461
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Town Chamber of Commerce
Description:	Upgrade of Office IT Equipment
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Basic Services
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€3,927.28
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	<p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with communities, and particularly those who have not previously benefited from LEADER funding, to build their capacity in preparation for the next programming period and ensure that weaker communities are not left behind. • Promote projects which support communities in a post-COVID-19 environment. • Support job creation, entrepreneurship, enterprise development and innovation in a post-COVID-19. <p>Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports to rural businesses seeking to reach new markets, expand, innovate and/or diversify in response to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. • Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection, and the green economy.
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€5,236.38) = €3,927.28
Proposed by:	John O'Shaughnessy
Seconded by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP117641
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Town Revitalisation CLG
Description:	Tipperary Town Murals Programme
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Basic Services for hard to reach communities
Deadweight:	Considered but none arising
Displacement:	Considered and not arising
Innovation:	Considered
Reasonableness of costs:	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:	€33,930.82
Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy	Complies with and eligible under the provisions of the Local Development Strategy for County Tipperary
For projects funded under the Transitional LEADER Programme: Identify the particular aims and priorities of this programme that are satisfied by this project. (Refer to Section 2 and Section 3 of the Transitional LEADER Programme Guidelines issued on 16th December 2020)	This project is supporting a community initiative in Tipperary town – a town with some areas classified as the most disadvantaged in the county as per the Pobal Deprivation Index. The programme will aim to engage hard to reach communities, giving them ownership of the project through a series of workshops and community events. The project will link with other areas of the work of the TTRTF, e.g. Tidy Towns and the appearance of the town through biodiversity themed Murals, Heritage etc. It is expected that the project will generate significant interest in the community and beyond, and will help build community capital and encourage participation. This project provides support and builds capacity for a community that has not previously received significant assistance under the LEADER Programme (Priority 3). The development of rural recreation infrastructure is important for a number of reasons including physical and mental health, promotion of outdoor activities, education on biodiversity, understanding of climate change (Priorities 2 and 4).
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (€45,241.10) = €33,930.82
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Cllr John Carroll
Absenters:	Yes – Isabel Cambie, Colin Cummins and Pat Slattery
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel Cambie, Colin Cummins and Pat Slattery declared a Conflict of Interest for the above project and left the meeting for the decision-making process.

5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)

LEADER project extension requests granted as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules:-

Extensions over 6-months - LCDC Approval					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRSTP 1169275	Knockanrawley Resource Centre Clg Energy Retrofit	30/06/2022		31/03/2023	To allow for payment of retention of 5%

The project extension request was approved on the proposal of Mike Edwards seconded by Cllr Joe Hannigan.

5.4. To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)

The LEADER Income and Expenditure report for July 2022 was presented by Fiona Crotty.

The report was noted and approved on the proposal of Mike Edwards seconded by Julie O'Halloran.

5.5 A.O.B.

Fiona informed the Committee that advertisements to fill vacancies on IEC Committees for Development Companies will commence in August.

6. Healthy Ireland

Fiona welcomed Áine Roche the new Healthy Tipperary Coordinator who is replacing Dan Downey and acknowledged the contribution and work made to the role.

Fiona updated the Committee on Strand 1- Strand 3 funding. She acknowledged all who attended and showcased all the services from across the County at the Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO on 23rd June in TUS Campus Thurles.

Stephanie O'Callaghan updated the Committee on promotion of Healthy Communities in Clonmel. She stated induction training is taking place in 19 areas for coordinated approach – making contacts and links with various agencies and bodies. She stated the programme is gaining momentum and a meeting will take place in September on how to develop network and various agencies have come on board to provide input. Agency to carry out survey have gone to tender.

Kate Cassidy updated on the 'We can Quit' and 'Healthy Food Made Easy' programmes stating a collaborative approach to build partnerships. She stated that food poverty is an issue and outreach to out of school settings and TY students to encourage parent/child cooking and other initiatives. She commended Stephanie on the Healthy Communities work and stated the importance of having the right people in the right seat.

7.	<p><u>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations</u></p> <p>Margo updated on the LECP High Level Goals and stated it went to SPC.</p> <p>Margo referred to Pobal Training needs survey for the LCDC which she will circulate to all.</p> <p>Notice of the making of the Tipperary County Development Plan which is available for viewing and will come into effect on 22nd August, 2022 – submission made by LCDC.</p> <p>She referred to the circular from the Department regarding the launch of the Government’s Social Inclusion Programme Annual Report and to the Departments circular on the Development of the new Local Economic and Community Plans (LECPs).</p> <p><u>PPN Review</u></p> <p>Fiona updated on the PPN Structural Review which has been published by the Department and is available for viewing.</p>
8.	<p><u>A.O.B.</u></p> <p>Eoin noted that the July meeting is Pat Slattery’s final meeting with the LCDC and he acknowledged Pat’s work with the LCDC and wished him well for the future.</p> <p>Cllr John Carroll seconded the good wishes and added that Pat is innovative and progressive and is very well liked by the members and wished him well. He also welcomed the new member and wished them well. He also paid tribute to outgoing member Cora Horgan on all her work with the committee particularly with regard to social inclusion and stated she is an innovative progressive and knowledgeable person.</p> <p>Pat thanked everyone for their good wishes and wished the Committee well.</p>
9.	<p><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></p> <p>Monday 19th September, 2022 at Cabragh Wetlands Trust.</p>

Signed: Eoin Wolahan Date: 19/09/2022
Eoin Wolahan
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed: Pat Slattery Date: 19/09/2022
Pat Slattery,
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee