

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held  
17<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. Via teleconferencing and Zoom**

**Present:**

**Public Sector:** Cllr John Carroll, Cllr Joe Hannigan, Adrian Cunneen (DEASP), Kate Cassidy (HSE),

**Private Sector:** Eoin Wolahan (Chair), Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Mike Edwards (PPN), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Sector), Pat Carroll (IFA)

**Apologies:** Karl Cashen (TCC), Colin Cummins (TETB), Julie O'Halloran (PPN), Gearoid O'Foighil (PPN), Donal Mullane (Teagasc)

**In Attendance:** Anthony Fitzgerald (Acting Chief Officer), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Marie Cox (TCC), Stephanie O'Callaghan (TCC), Áine Roche (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Cliona Tobin (TCC)

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></b> The meeting was opened and all were welcomed.</p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b> Margo confirmed a quorum had been achieved.</p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest</b> Isabel Cambie and Michael Murray declared a Conflict of Interest with one of their projects they are presenting.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions</b> None.</p> <p><b>1.4 Ethics Documents</b> Margo requested members fill in and return the Ethics Documents forms for 2022 which were emailed to all on 27<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p><b>1.5 Screen Shot of meeting to show attendance</b> A Picture was taken of meeting attendance.</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u></b>  The Draft Agenda was agreed.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 &amp; Matters Arising (Decision)</u></b>  The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Mike Edwards.</p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><u>SICAP Updates</u></b>  <b>Update on Pobal Engagement Meeting (6<sup>th</sup> October)</b> Margo updated the Committee stating a meeting took place on 6<sup>th</sup> October with Social Inclusion Sub Group and Pobal and she demonstrated on the Maps of</p>

both North Tipperary and South Tipperary areas that captured LCG and Social Enterprise Beneficiaries which were supported by SICAP which were in the Social Inclusion Analysis Reports for 2022.

Margo thanked all of the Social Inclusion Sub Group for their input and support and the LECP and Local Development Strategy will be in place next year.

Isabel added that they were happy with the meeting and the feedback. There are new community groups that they hadn't before and support of Community Liaison Officers. She stated Kathleen Vickers is the new Social Inclusion Programme Manager and she met with the Social Inclusion Sub Group.

### **Annual Planning Process 2023 – Dates and Process**

Margo informed the meeting of the dates for the Annual Planning Process stating NTDC and STDC have until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November to submit their Plans which will require approval by LCDC (via email) then it be reviewed by Social Inclusion Sub Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Pobal will review on 7<sup>th</sup> December. The final date of completion of these plans are 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

She played a short snippet of a video made by NTDC SICAP Older People & Isolation Case Study 2022 – a copy of which will be sent to the Committee along with STDC Case Study which they based on the Syrian Community.

She stated Isabel had asked permission to carry over funds to next year – normally only 5% or less can be carried forward and she has put in a request to carry over additional funds for a Ukrainian worker.

## **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:	30LDRNTP118097
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	North Tipperary Development Company
Description:	EURI Training to maximise the use and benefits of polytunnels in promoting biodiversity for schools, resource centres and communities - Currently many schools and communities have polytunnels which although serving a purpose within their respective communities are under utilised as there is usually a shortage of skilled personal within these various groups to maximise the potential of the polytunnel to their community. This training development and implementation will ensure that polytunnels at schools, community and resource centres will be maximised as a resource for these communities to broaden their biodiversity education and community inclusiveness.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 8: Safeguarding Our Biodiversity. Strategic Action 8.1: Biodiversity Conservation and Management Supports.
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:	€6,570.00

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. (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 (€6,570.00) = €6,570.00
Proposed by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters:	Yes - Michael Murray
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Michael Murray declared a Conflict of Interest for the above project-30LDRNTP118097 and left the meeting for the decision-making process.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP117984
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Roscrea Tennis Club Offaly LCDC/(Offaly Local Development Company) & Laois Partnership Company
Description:	Roscrea Tennis Club New Club House & Community Room - Roscrea Tennis Club was established a century ago and is an ambitious and progressive club always seeking to improve facilities, standards and opportunities for its members, local schools, community groups and visitors to the area. This project proposes the building of a new club house & community room Roscrea Tennis Club aims to provide for and encourage new members of the club, regardless of economic circumstance, race, religion, creed, age or gender, the opportunity to participate in tennis where the enjoyment of the game of tennis is enhanced through skilled coaching, recreation, and competitive play in an atmosphere of friendship, encouragement, and mutual respect among all members. This will be driven by the active implementation of their Social Inclusion strategy. <b>THIS IS A COOPERATION PROJECT.</b>
Theme:	Theme #2: Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Local Objective 5: Basic Services for Hard to Reach Communities 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:	€120,345.35
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): 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 (€160,460.46) = €120,345.25
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Cllr Joe Hannigan
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Michael added that once the three LCDC's have sought approval the project will require Department approval.

## 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:	30LDRSTP117946
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Ballyporeen GAA Club
Description:	Ballyporeen GAA Club wish to construct a lit, fenced, 486m perimeter walkway around the playing pitches within the Ballyporeen GAA grounds and to resurface the existing carpark. The walkway will be 1.8m wide (suitable for wheelchairs and buggies), with timber edging and low-level energy efficient LED lighting. It will be accessible to all members of the community and beyond. Six exercise apparatus (some accessible for wheelchair users or people with limited mobility) will be placed along the walkway.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Basic Services for hard to reach groups
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:	€137,327.91
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:	This project fits with Aim B and Priority 2 which are to promote projects which support communities in a post

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)	COVID environment. This project will add to the local infrastructure and facilitate healthy lifestyles and reduce isolation in this rural area.
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 (€183,103.88) = €137,327.91
Proposed by:	John O'Shaughnessy
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRSTP118100
<b>Promoter Code:</b>	
<b>Promoters Name:</b>	Tipperary Town Revitalisation CLG
<b>Description:</b>	To appoint a suitably qualified consultant to assess the viability of developing a Youth and Further Education and Training Centre in Tipperary Town from a market, technical and financial perspective and develop a detailed business case and cost benefit analysis to support the project steering group and underpin any future funding application.
<b>Theme:</b>	Social Inclusion
<b>Sub Theme:</b>	Rural Youth
<b>Deadweight:</b>	Considered but none arising
<b>Displacement:</b>	Considered and not arising
<b>Innovation:</b>	Considered
<b>Reasonableness of costs:</b>	Satisfied as to the reasonableness of costs
<b>Recommendation of Evaluation Committee:</b>	€30,000.00
<b>Rationale if Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:</b>	N/A
<b>Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score</b>	N/A
<b>Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the business plan/Local Development Strategy</b>	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).	This project directly addresses Priority 2 of EURI funding i.e. "Community based projects that seek to address emerging challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, promoting greater social inclusion."
% level of aid & ceiling:	88.69% of total project cost (€33,825.00)=€30,000.00
Proposed by:	John O'Shaughnessy
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters:	Yes – Isabel Cambie
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel Cambie declared a Conflict of Interest for the above project-30LDRSTP118100 and left the meeting for the decision-making process.

### **5.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)**

There were no extension requests presented to the October meeting.

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

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

The report was noted and approved on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Mike Edwards.

### **5.5 A.O.B.**

Michael Murray informed the meeting that a request for approval was sought for a number of changes to Project number 30LDRNTP116176 – Gortagarry Cottage – Eamonn Quigley under the headings flooring, tiles, heating, mezzanine, raised patio and stove.

The changes requested show no material change, no grant amount change and are capital neutral re RDP and have no effect on project deliver, with generally like for like replacement.

Approval was agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards seconded by John O'Shaughnessy.

### **Proposal for Allocation of Remaining Transitional & EURI Funding in Tipperary**

Isabel Cambie informed the Committee (email issued to Committee in advance of the meeting) that the current Transitional LEADER Programme (commenced 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021), was implemented to bridge the gap between the 2014-2020 LEADER Programme and the next iteration of the LEADER Programme to be rolled out in 2023. Per the guidelines document - **Outline of Transitional LEADER Programme**, issued with Circular 15 -2020, all projects under the Transitional Programme must to be approved by the LAGs on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, with all projects to be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

As per **RDP OR v4 Section 5.6.**, The LCDC LAG has the authority to decide on how the budget allocation to Tipperary is split between themes. Based on the fact that small amounts of money are remaining in all themes, it was agreed that theme balances are pooled and allocated as required to projects currently in the pipeline. This will allow maximum flexibility and ensure as much of the remaining budget as possible can benefit promoters in Tipperary. The two IP's are working closely to monitor and manage the budget in this regard. It is recognised that transfers cannot take place between Transitional Budget and EURI. The LCDC agreed to review the budgets before considering projects at the next LCDC.

Approval was agreed on the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan seconded by Pat Carroll.

## **6. Quality of Life**

	<p>Fiona Crotty updated on the Healthy Ireland Fund Planning 2023-2025 highlighting the 5 outcome areas being focused on and how to set targets that can be measured - outcome areas are Lifestyle and Behaviour Risk and Wellbeing factors. Submission to The Healthy Ireland Strategy will open on 7<sup>th</sup> November and closing day will be 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.</p> <p>This was agreed on the proposal of Isabel Cambie seconded by Pat Carroll.</p> <p>Kate gave an update on Healthy Food Made Easy initiative.</p> <p>Aine Roche updated on the actions for the HI funding that was approved on the last meeting and stated that the actions were currently taking place and some had finished like the Library's health and wellbeing action and The Mental Health Action. She updated on the work under PPN Positive Health and Wellbeing, Period Poverty, Dementia Action and Mental Health Week talks.</p> <p>Stephanie gave an update on Healthy Communities Clonmel stating the programme is continuing to progress. Working with a group of residents from the Old Bridge Residents Committee and Youth Council. She stated the Minister Frank Feighen will officially launch of Slaintecare Healthy Communities at Hillview Sports Club on 29<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Update on LECP Development</u></b></p> <p>Margo updated on the LECP stating the Advisory Group will meet in October to discuss the high-level goals (following consultation) that have been identified and compile the data available for the Socio- Economic Profile of the County.</p>
<p><b>8.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Correspondence, Submissions &amp; Consultations</u></b></p> <p>Margo updated on the following correspondence: -  NTA Cycle Connects public consultation portal which is live and open for submission until 11<sup>th</sup> November.  VOICE - Virtual Online Inclusive Communities for Empowerment are hosting a webinar on Thursday, 27 October from 11am-12:30pm via Zoom.  Tipperary Arts Strategy 2023-2027 have an on-line survey which can be accessed at <a href="mailto:artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie">artsoffice@tipperarycoco.ie</a>. The survey designed for people whose interest in the arts is as an audience <b>member</b> or <b>participant</b> or who work in the arts in a voluntary or <b>non-professional</b> capacity is at the following Survey Monkey link:  <u><a href="#">Tipperary Arts Strategy Survey - Members of the Public, Community Groups, Voluntary and Non-Professional arts.</a></u></p>
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b><u>A.O.B.</u></b></p> <p>Margo informed the meeting that Eoin sent a letter to Pat Slattery and Andrea Ni Mhaoldomhnaigh thanking them for the work they did on the LCDC Committee.</p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></b></p> <p>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November via Zoom.</p>

**Signed:** Eoin Wolahan **Date:** 25-11-22  
Eoin Wolahan,  
Chair,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

**Signed:** Anthony Fitzgerald **Date:** 28/11/22  
Anthony Fitzgerald,  
Acting Chief Officer,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee