

Minutes of 17th Meeting of Tipperary Local Community and Development Committee held on Monday 20th June, 2016 at Littleton Community Centre, Thurles.

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr. John Carroll, (Vice-Chair),
Cllr. Joe Hannigan, Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Angela Joy,
Eileen Condon, Rita Guinan

Private Sector: Charles Stanley-Smith (Chair), Michael Murray, Willie Moloney,
Clare Cashman, John O'Shaughnessy, Carmel McCormack
Catherine Guest, Cora Horgan

Apologies: -

Public Sector: Joe Mac Grath, Donal Mullane, Sinead Carr, Ann Ryan,
Adrian Cunneen

Private Sector: Isabel Cambie, Sara Bourke

In Attendance: Margo Hayes, Marie Maher, Attracta Lyons, Michael Moroney

1.	<p>Approval of Draft Agenda</p> <p>The Chairperson welcomed two new members to the Committee, Mr. John O'Shaughnessy and Ms Carmel McCormack and declared the meeting opened. Apologies were noted and the Members agreed the draft agenda.</p>
2.	<p>Confirmation of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on 16th May, 2016 were adopted on the proposal of: Cllr Mary Hanna Hourigan and seconded by Cllr. John Carroll.</p> <p>It was agreed to look at Induction Training for new members over the coming weeks.</p>
3.	<p>Update on the Local Development Strategy</p> <p>In relation to Tipperary Local Development Strategy, Attracta Lyons informed the meeting that the LEADER Independent Selection Committee is satisfied that the LDS as submitted meets the requisite standards. A meeting was held between the Department, the Director of Service and the Head of Finance regarding the financial elements of the plan. At this meeting the Department advised the contract would issue in due course. She also advised that the final Operating Rules and EOI were also due from the Dept. The Financial Guarantee for advance funding for the Implementing Partners (IPs) has been adopted by Members of Tipperary County Council. It was noted that the LEADER Programme implementation could commence once a signed contract, Operating Rules and a Service Level Agreement with IPs were in place. The group expressed their discord at the slow pace of progress with the LDS to date. A discussion took place among the group</p>

	<p>regarding the Social Inclusion element of the LDS and it was agreed that the SI Subgroup would submit their concerns and proposals to Attracta Lyons for consideration by the LAG and Implementing Partners. Michael Murray stated that he would be available to meet any group regarding the role out of the Social Inclusion Programme.</p> <p>Carmel McCormack requested that she be included in a LCDC Sub-Committee - it was agreed to check the Standing Orders and revert back.</p> <p>Rita Guinan recommended that groups should prepare and progress development plans for projects and have them 'shovel ready' for when the Strategy is launched.</p>
4.	<p>Update on Community Facilities Audit</p> <p>Michael Moroney confirmed that this survey had been circulated through the PPN, and internally within Tipperary County Council. The results of the survey will identify and establish current levels of provision in relation to Community, Sports and Arts Facilities within the County. The outcome and findings of the survey will determine future capital and investment funding in the county. By the closing date 210 responses had been received and a review is underway to identify gaps in the data. The settlements that have not responded are currently being contacted. Elected members also have a role to play in that they have a good knowledge of the areas. It is anticipated that the report will be completed by mid to late Autumn.</p>
5.	<p>(a) SICAP Quarter 3 Funding Claim</p> <p>Margo Hayes briefed the new members of the group on the operating procedures of the SICAP Programme. She stated that a claim had recently been submitted as follows;</p> <p>€150,288.75 on behalf of South Tipperary Development Company €124,059.87 on behalf of North Tipperary Leader Partnership</p> <p>She stated a midyear review was currently underway. This was being supported by a visit from Pobal on 22nd June. A regional workshop was being held on 28th of June, with the actual review taking place in July. The PIs will submit their reports by the 8th of July in advance of the review.</p> <p>(a) Goal 3 Actions - Enterprise & Employment – (Phil Shanahan STDC, Trish Purcell, NTLP)</p> <p>Phil Shanahan and Trish Purcell gave an overview presentation on Goal 3 Actions – Enterprise and Employment. The members thanked and noted their presentation and requested that a copy of both presentations be circulated to members for information purposes. A discussion took place regarding the Jobpath and TUS Programmes and Carmel McCormack agreed to circulate a leaflet regarding the "Work It Out Programme"</p>
6.	<p>Update on LECP Action Plan Mid Year Review</p> <p>Attracta Lyons confirmed that at National Level it is anticipated that all plans will be completed by Mid July. It was noted that 26 plans had been completed by Mid-May and there were no details yet regarding a national launch of the LECPs. The Dept. will also issue guidelines on implementation and monitoring of the LECP in due course. The Department has called a meeting of LCDC Chairs in mid August</p>

	<p>to review progress with LECP process and discuss how to prioritise the LECP at LCDC Level.</p> <p>The LECP has been in operation in Tipperary since January 2016 and a meeting of the LECP Advisory Group to carry out a midterm review will take place on the 23rd June. Feedback from this review will be presented at the July Meeting of the LCDC.</p>
7	<p>RES Competitive Funds Tipperary</p> <p>Three projects with LEO Tipperary as a lead were successful in receiving funding under the Regional Enterprise Funds Competitive Call. These projects were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing a Digital Gaming Corridor between LIT in Thurles and LIT in Clonmel 2. Agri Tech Symposium with the aim of promoting greater innovation in Agriculture 3. Development of Artisan Food Cluster with an aim to increase food export. <p>Tipperary LEO will be a support partner with Wicklow LEO as a Lead in a project to consolidate a creative hub in the South Eastern region through an extensive networking and training programme for established SMEs and Start Ups servicing the creative industries.</p>
7.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Research and Evaluation Unit of the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) regarding State of the Nations Children Ireland 2014 is on the DCYA website. • Paul Skinnader of Community Support and Services Directors with Pobal re the SICAP review and the process around that. Pobal have been notified to prioritize their review of the Tipperary SICAP Lots so that the recommendations of the review can be discussed at the LCDC on July 18th
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ County Childcare Committee: It was agreed to invite a member of the committee to present at the next meeting ➤ Passive House Standards:. Carmel McCormack enquired if Tipperary County Council had adopted these standards. A discussion took place regarding the cost of adhering to these standards and it was agreed that John O'Shaughnessey and Carmel McCormack would liaise with each other regarding this matter ➤ B Nest: This is a social enterprise incubator based in the Nexus Innovation Centre in the University of Limerick. They are holding an information evening on 28th June in the Abbey Court Hotel, Nenagh. Rita Guinan agreed to circulate the details to Margo Hayes

	Date of next meeting ➤ It was agreed that the next meeting will take place at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 18 th July, 2016, in Littleton Community Centre, Thurles.
	The Chairman recorded his thanks to Margo Hayes who conducted the meeting in the absence of Sinead Carr.

Signed/



Charles Stanley Smith,
Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date/ 4th July, 2016