

Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held 20th January, 2020 in Littleton and Moycarkey-Borris Community and Sports Centre, Littleton

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr John Carroll (Chair), Adrian Cunneen (DEASP) Karl Cashen (TCC), Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Ann Ryan (HSE), Anthony Fitzgerald (Tipperary LEO), Bernadette Cullen (Tipperary ETB) **(7)**

Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Charles Stanley Smith (PPN), Martin Quinn (PPN), Eoin Wolahan (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN), John Lupton (PPN), Imelda Walsh (IFA) **(7)**

Apologies:

Private Sector: Isabel Cambie (STDC), Cora Horgan (PPN), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar)

Public Sector: Cllr Joe Hannigan, Cllr Declan Burgess

In Attendance: Pat Slattery (TCC, Chief Officer), Shane O'Dwyer (TCC), Margo Hayes (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC) Paul Devane (TCC), Mary Barry Guerin (STDC)

<p>1.</p>	<p><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u> Cllr John Carroll (Chair) opened the meeting welcomed all present and noted apologies. In particular, he welcomed Ann Ryan who was attending her first LCDC and Mary Barry Guerin who would be presenting the STDC LEADER projects in the absence of Isabel Cambie.</p> <p>1.1 Quorum Margo Hayes confirmed that a quorum had been achieved to proceed with the meeting but that a public member of the committee will have to step out during decision making to achieve the correct public/private balance.</p> <p>1.2 Conflict of Interest Cllr John Carroll (Chair) advised members that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.</p> <p>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision None arising</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p><u>Ethic Documentation</u> Cllr John Carroll (Chair) advised the committee that their membership of the LCDC required the annual completion of the following list of documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct Declaration

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LG Act 2001, Part 15 Declaration of Declarable Interests • RDP Conflict of Interest Declaration • RDP Register of Interests Declaration <p>He asked that any members that had not completed these documents should do so now. Documents were circulated and completed by all members.</p>
3.	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The draft agenda was agreed.</p>
4.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 16th of December 2019 were agreed on the proposal of Imelda Walsh and seconded by Eoin Wolohan.</p> <p>Matters Arising None</p>
5.	<p><u>SICAP</u> Margo Hayes updated the members on the SICAP Annual Plan 2020. She began by outlining the 2019 Annual Plan review process. She said that the Social Inclusion sub-group had met on December 12th to review the annual plans and subsequently written to the LDCs asking for amendments which were to be made by January 20th. The plans would be approved pending those amendments. She informed the members that the SICAP managers at the development companies would be invited to the LCDC to present their plans for the forthcoming year.</p> <p>She said that the companies had uploaded their end of year review documentation to IRIS by January 15th. KPI1 (Local Community Groups) and KPI2 (Individuals being supported back to work and employment) had been met. She said a further meeting with the development companies will be scheduled for January 30th/31st. Feedback from this meeting would be brought to the LCDC and following this the final portion, March payment, of the Q1 2020 SICAP payment would be released.</p> <p>Margo Hayes said that SICAP represented a significant investment into the county and it needed greater visibility at the LCDC. Consequently representatives of the development companies would be asked to come in to the LCDC and update the members regularly. She said SICAP site visits would also be arranged to help the members better understand the work of the programme. Cllr John Carroll (Chair) said that these site visits were very important because it would allow the members to see the tangible evidence of SICAP for themselves. Martin Quinn said that it would be important that the committee have sight of the SICAP Annual Plan 2020 and that this would be circulated to all members.</p>

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6.1 LEADER

6.1.1 - To Decide on NTDC Applications

Documents circulated for consideration by the members were the Project Evaluation Assessment Report and completed IEC Scoring Sheet for each application together with IEC meeting minutes. In addition, an Implementing Partner CEO Report to LCDC Chief Officer with details of the project including deadweight, displacement, rationale for grant aid, consistency with the Local Development Strategy and Operating Rules, IEC score and recommendation, and A48 Checking process undertaken was circulated for the consideration of members.

In relation to the NTDC project, the members were taken through this by Michael Murray.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP111271
Promoter Code:	8727
Promoters Name:	Old School House C/O Simon Ryan, Portroe, Nenagh, Co Tipperary
Description:	This project will assist with the renovation and upgrade of the old school house classrooms to provide a modern office, make wheelchair accessible toilet facilities and a meeting room. The project aims to provide an accessible centre in the village of Portroe that can be used by all members of the community for a broad variety of services, supports and activities.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	Support & investment in social inclusion initiatives in rural areas.
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:	Grant awarded provisionally subject to procurement €15,958.58, 75% of €21,278.11
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded provisionally subject to procurement €15,958.58, 75% of €21,278.11
Proposed by:	Seán O'Farrell
Seconded by:	Eoin Wolohan
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRNTP111271 [Old School House, Portroe] John Lupton noted that the social inclusion plan was very ambitious but asked what strategy was going to be put into place to implement it. He added that problems faced by marginalized communities are serious and that the social inclusion plan should not be aspirational. Cllr John Carroll said that the Nenagh Parish Cluster is involved and that they are very proactive. Michael Murray acknowledged the importance of the implementation of the social inclusion plan.

In relation to project 30LDRNTP111271 [Old School House, Portroe] Adrian Cunneen absented himself from the meeting for the duration of its consideration in order to maintain the correct public/private balance.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP111849
Promoter Code:	4498
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Energy Agency
Description:	To prepare a feasibility study for the development of a National Sustainable Energy Centre of Excellence to include an evaluation of suitable sites/building options for the development in Nenagh Town and to prepare a detailed cost benefit analysis and business case for the centre and to prepare preliminary design options for the proposed centre.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Development of Renewable Energy
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:	Grand awarded €30,000, 43.60% of €68,210
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grand awarded €30,000, 43.60% of €68,210
Proposed by:	Charles Stanley Smith
Seconded by:	Seán O'Farrell
Absenters:	Cllr John Carroll
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRNTP111849 [Tipperary Energy Agency] Cllr John Carroll (Chair) declared a conflict of interest and absented himself from the meeting for the duration of its consideration. Seán O'Farrell asked if the TEA intended to renovate an existing building or was it a new build. Michael Murray said he believed they would opt to renovate an existing building. John Lupton said that the project scored lowest in the social inclusion category. He acknowledged the importance of addressing climate change but said that it was paramount that poorer communities are brought on board and not disproportionately affected. Both Cllr John Carroll (Chair) and Michael Murray agreed.

Project Code:	30LDNTP111353
Promoter Code:	8786
Promoters Name:	Life Connections
Description:	Life Connections CLG is a social enterprise whose vision is one of an Ireland where young people and adults can comfortably talk about relationships and sexuality. It is focused on opening up communications and conversations to empower better choices. By tackling the root causes of gender, domestic and sexual violence through educative, preventative and health promoting workshops with young people and the adults in their

	lives. This project is applying for training support for our volunteers and facilitators to enable Life Connections to initiate its planned activities including the development of an online education programme including webinars, podcast development, learning manual development, face to face delivery of seminars to large groups, delivery of healing work for survivors of domestic, sexual or gender based violence.
Theme:	Rural Economic Development, Enterprise Development And Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Enterprise Development
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:	Grant awarded €8,545, 100% of €8,545
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €8,545, 100% of €8,545
Proposed by:	Imelda Walsh
Seconded by:	Martin Quinn
Absenters:	Adrian Cuneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP111358
Promoter Code:	8786
Promoters Name:	Life Connections CLG
Description:	Life Connections CLG is a social enterprise whose vision is one of an Ireland where young people and adults can comfortably talk about relationships and sexuality. It is focused on opening up communications and conversations to empower better choices. By tackling the root causes of gender, domestic and sexual violence through educative, preventative and health promoting workshops with young people and the adults in their lives. This project is applying for equipment to support the development of the online education programme including webinars, recording podcasts, creating a learning manual, face to face seminars to large groups of parents/guardians and delivery healing work with survivors of domestic, sexual and gender based violence.
Theme:	Rural Economic Development, Enterprise Development And Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Enterprise Development
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:	Grant awarded €4,246.69, 50% of €8,493.38
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €4,246.69, 50% of €8,493.38
Proposed by:	Martin Quinn
Seconded by:	Imelda Walsh
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to projects 30LDNTP111353 [Life Connections, Training] and 30LDRNTP111358 [Life Connections, Equipment] John Lupton pointed out that this was a very important area dealing with children but this project would very much be dependent upon the goodwill of parents and schools. He asked if there were quality standards to be adhered to. Michael Murray said that they had charitable status and that the programme will be carried out in schools with the consent of parents. He said it would be a bespoke programme relevant to the needs of the population. Bernadette Cullen said that there was a preference for this type of programme to be administered by someone that children knew and were familiar with. She added that risks were attached to have an outside entity involved. She expressed concerns that this could create further issues. Seán O'Farrell asked what the qualifications of those involved were. Michael Murray said that there are three directors each with a background in the area. He said one had a masters in family support and had been involved in the Ascend project. He continued that another had been chairperson of the Silverarch Family Resource Centre in Nenagh. Bernadette Cullen said that there is a Department Circular relating to outside speakers and children and that this framework ought to be taken into account.

In relation to project 30LDRNTP111358 [Life Connections - Equipment] Michael Murray said that the approval by the North Tipperary IEC at their meeting on 9th January last had included an error in calculation on the quotation analysis/assessment/minutes regarding the above project. The total cost of the project was €8,503.22 – there is a reduction in that figure of €9.84 and the total project costs are now €8,493.38. The revised grant amount is now €4,246.69.

In relation to projects:

- 30LDRNTP111353 [Life Connections, Training]
- 30LDRNTP111358 [Life Connections, Equipment]

Adrian Cunneen absented himself from the meeting for the duration of their consideration in order to maintain the correct public/private balance.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP112148
Promoter Code:	2673
Promoters Name:	Kilkenny Leader Partnership, North Tipperary Development Company, South Tipperary Development Company, Laois Partnership
Description:	Nore Vision Cooperation Project - Coordination & Project Management

	<p>Phase one and two of the LEADER Cooperation application process is now complete and this is the final stage of the process which seeks capital funding to progress the Nore Vision initiative</p> <p>The Nore Vision is a catchment-wide, broad-based and long-term initiative focused on protecting and improving the waters and lands of the River Nore catchment: the main river channel and all tributaries. The Nore Catchment includes large areas of Kilkenny and Laois and significant parts of Tipperary.</p>
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Water Awareness Raising Programme
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:	Grant awarded €3,843.75, 75% of €5,125.00
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €3,843.75, 75% of €5,125.00
Proposed by:	Seán O'Farrell
Seconded by:	Martin Quinn
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP112150
Promoter Code:	2673
Promoters Name:	Kilkenny Leader Partnership, North Tipperary Development Company, South Tipperary Development Company, Laois Partnership
Description:	<p>Nore Vision Cooperation Project – Training</p> <p>Phase one and two of the LEADER Cooperation application process is now complete and this is the final stage of the process which seeks capital funding to progress the Nore Vision initiative</p> <p>The Nore Vision is a catchment-wide, broad-based and long-term initiative focused on protecting and improving the waters and lands of the River Nore catchment: the main river channel and all tributaries. The Nore Catchment includes large areas of Kilkenny and Laois and significant parts of Tipperary.</p>
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Water Awareness Raising Programme
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:	Grant awarded €14,350.00, 100% of €14,350.00
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €14,350.00, 100% of €14,350.00
Proposed by:	Martin Quinn
Seconded by:	Anthony FitzGerald
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRNTP112151
Promoter Code:	2673
Promoters Name:	Kilkenny Leader Partnership, North Tipperary Development Company, South Tipperary Development Company, Laois Partnership
Description:	Nore Vision Cooperation Project – Governance Phase one and two of the LEADER Cooperation application process is now complete and this is the final stage of the process which seeks capital funding to progress the Nore Vision initiative The Nore Vision is a catchment-wide, broad-based and long-term initiative focused on protecting and improving the waters and lands of the River Nore catchment: the main river channel and all tributaries. The Nore Catchment includes large areas of Kilkenny and Laois and significant parts of Tipperary.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Water Awareness Raising Programme
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:	Grant awarded €2,152.49, 90% of €2,391.66
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €2,152.49, 90% of €2,391.66
Proposed by:	Imelda Walsh
Seconded by:	Anthony FitzGerald
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to projects:

- 30LDRNTP112148 [River Nore - Coordination & Project Mgt],
- 30LDRNTP112150 [River Nore - Training]
- 30LDRNTP112151 [River Nore - Governance]

Michael Murray said these were cooperation projects involving Kilkenny Leader Partnership (KLP), North Tipperary Development Company (NTDC), South Tipperary Development Company (STDC) and Laois Partnership (LP). He said KLP was the lead partner and thus the

projects were evaluated there. He said the projects were being funded on a 5 (KLP) 3 (LP) 1 (Tipperary) ratio. The Tipperary portion was being split further between NTDC and STDC. He said that the project would include litter picks, oral history projects, invasive species management and upland management. He added that a company Florú had been awarded the tender and will contract in the expertise.

Charles Stanley Smith asked if LAWPRO were involved and Michael Murray confirmed that they are. Charles Stanley Smith that it seemed like a lot of money for litter picks. He added that these were often organized for free by voluntary groups. He pointed out that there is no government body responsible for the management of invasive species. He continued saying the mismanagement of uplands would make things worse than doing nothing at all. He said that Kilkenny County Council, who is the lead partner on these projects, had damaged the bed of the river Nore as a result if works carried out building a bridge. Michael Murray said that representatives from Tipperary County Council or indeed the LCDC were welcome to join the steering group. He said the intention was to bring all the stakeholders together. Mary Barry Guerin of STDC said that they were confident of the level of expertise on board. Donal Mullane said that it seemed a large amount of money for one company to receive for training. Seán O'Farrell asked if Irish Water, the Irish Farmers Association and tourism representatives were involved. Mary Barry Guerin said the objective is that they will be. Seán O'Farrell said that Irish Water is responsible for waste water treatment and their input would be important. Michael Murray said clarity would have to be sought on Irish Water's participation. Donal Mullane asked about the timeframe for the project. Michael Murray said that it was 18 months. He added that the LCDC could seek an implementation plan if required.

Cllr John Carroll (Chair) said that water projects are complex and have proved difficult to animate. Charles Stanley Smith asked for further information on Florú. Michael Murray said that they a training company with an IT expertise. Mary Barry Guerin added that there had been a competitive tendering process. Imelda Walsh said there were a lot concerns about these projects and questioned whether it was wise to proceed. Pat Slattery (Chief Officer) these were cross county projects and was conscience of slowing up the process. He added that water project had proven difficult to animate. He suggested that the LCDC could approve and seek clarifications if necessary. Alternatively a smaller sub-group of the LCDC could meet. Mary Barry Guerin said that these projects had been a couple of years in development. Michael Murray acknowledged that there were queries but said there was a time pressure associated with the projects. He added that Laois Partnership was meeting today to consider the project. Seán O'Farrell said that concerns remained. Martin Quinn didn't want to unduly delay the project. Mary Barry Guerin said that there are concerns from Kilkenny LEADER Partnership that the timeline to carry out the project was becoming tight. Pat Slattery (Chief Officer) suggested that Fran Igoe (LAWPRO) could come into the LCDC or subgroup to help alleviate concerns. Cllr John Carroll (Chair) asked the members if the viewed the

issues arising as negating factors. Michael Murray said that the consultants in these projects would need to be managed. He offered to ring Declan Rice CEO of Kilkenny LEADER Partnership to seek clarifications.

Michael Murray returned to the meeting having spoken to Declan Rice. He informed the members that there was a comprehensive vision document with more detail. He said the organization on board were Tipperary County Council, NGOs, Sports organizations, the IFA and the OPW. He said Irish Water had been invited but had not attended. He added that a matrix of training outputs was included as part of the tender process. He said that one similar project was being looked at in Inisowen.

In relation to projects:

- 30LDRNTP112148 [River Nore - Coordination & Project Mgt],
- 30LDRNTP112150 [River Nore - Training]
- 30LDRNTP112151 [River Nore - Governance]

Adrian Cunneen absented himself from the meeting for the duration of their consideration in order to maintain the correct public/private balance.

Project Code:	30LDRNTP110495
Promoter Code:	4109
Promoters Name:	Roscrea Lions Club
Description:	This project is concerned with implementation of refurbishment works to Roscrea Community Hall located in Rosemary Street, Roscrea.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	Basic services for hard 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:	Full approved following procurement grant awarded €83,617.03, 75% of €111,489.38
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Full approved following procurement grant awarded €83,617.03, 75% of €111,489.38
Proposed by:	John Lupton
Seconded by:	Eoin Wolohan
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRNTP110495 [Roscrea Community Hall Renovations] Adrian Cunneen absented himself from the meeting for the duration of its consideration in order to maintain the correct public/private balance.

Michael Murray informed the members that Trish Purcell was leaving North Tipperary Development after 8 years with the company. He thanked her for her work and said she would be a huge loss.

6.1.2 - To Decide on STDC Applications

Documents circulated for consideration by the members were the Project Evaluation Assessment Report and completed IEC Scoring Sheet for each application together with IEC meeting minutes. In addition, an Implementing Partner CEO Report to LCDDC Chief Officer with details of the project including deadweight, displacement, rationale for grant aid, consistency with the Local Development Strategy and Operating Rules, IEC score and recommendation, and A48 Checking process undertaken was circulated for the consideration of members.

In relation to the STDC project, the members were taken through this by Mary Barry Guerin.

Project Code:	30LDRSTP11490
Promoter Code:	3225
Promoters Name:	Clonmel Town FC
Description:	Dr pat O'Callaghan Sports Complex Currently the facilities for the training and development of youth groups are severely over utilised. The promoter is struggling to meet the demand for youth facilities from other voluntary groups. While the Complex is managed by Clonmel Town F.C. it provides a vital outlet for all local organisations in the training and development of underage/youth groups as outlined in section 4. For the purpose of this project the promoter wishes to clear and level an existing site, refill with topsoil, drain site, reseed with new grass seed and lay down new footpath around site.
Theme:	Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	Rural Youth
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:	Provisionally approved subject to procurement grant awarded €123,431.25, 75% of €164,575
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Provisionally approved subject to procurement grant awarded €123,431.25, 75% of €164,575

Proposed by:	Bernadette Cullen
Seconded by:	Seán O'Farrell
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRSTP11490 [Dr Pat O'Callaghan Sports Complex] Adrian Cunneen absented himself from the meeting for the duration of its consideration in order to maintain the correct public/private balance.

Project Code:	30LDRSTP112124
Promoter Code:	2380
Promoters Name:	Kilkenny Leader Partnership, North Tipperary Development Company, South Tipperary Development Company, Laois Partnership
Description:	Nore Vision Cooperation Project - Coordination & Project Management Phase one and two of the LEADER Cooperation application process is now complete and this is the final stage of the process which seeks capital funding to progress the Nore Vision initiative The Nore Vision is a catchment-wide, broad-based and long-term initiative focused on protecting and improving the waters and lands of the River Nore catchment: the main river channel and all tributaries. The Nore Catchment includes large areas of Kilkenny and Laois and significant parts of Tipperary.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Water
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:	Grant awarded €3,843.75, 75% of €5,125
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €3,843.75, 75% of €5,125
Proposed by:	Seán O'Farrell
Seconded by:	Martin Quinn
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP112125
Promoter Code:	2380
Promoters Name:	Kilkenny Leader Partnership, North Tipperary Development Company, South Tipperary Development Company, Laois Partnership
Description:	Nore Vision Cooperation Project - Training Phase one and two of the LEADER Cooperation application process is now complete and this is the final stage of the process which seeks capital funding to progress the Nore Vision initiative

	The Nore Vision is a catchment-wide, broad-based and long-term initiative focused on protecting and improving the waters and lands of the River Nore catchment: the main river channel and all tributaries. The Nore Catchment includes large areas of Kilkenny and Laois and significant parts of Tipperary.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Water
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:	Grant awarded €14,350, 100% of €14,350
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €14,350, 100% of €14,350
Proposed by:	Martin Quinn
Seconded by:	Anthony FitzGerald
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP112126
Promoter Code:	2380
Promoters Name:	Kilkenny Leader Partnership, North Tipperary Development Company, South Tipperary Development Company, Laois Partnership
Description:	Nore Vision Cooperation Project – Governance Phase one and two of the LEADER Cooperation application process is now complete and this is the final stage of the process which seeks capital funding to progress the Nore Vision initiative The Nore Vision is a catchment-wide, broad-based and long-term initiative focused on protecting and improving the waters and lands of the River Nore catchment: the main river channel and all tributaries. The Nore Catchment includes large areas of Kilkenny and Laois and significant parts of Tipperary.
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub-theme:	Water Resources
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:	Grant awarded €2,152.49, 90% of €2,391.66
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Grant awarded €2,152.49, 90% of €2,391.66
Proposed by:	Imelda Walsh
Seconded by:	Anthony FitzGerald

Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to projects:

- 30LDRSTP112124 [Nore Vision Cooperation Project - Coordination & Project Management]
- 30LDRSTP112125 [Nore Vision Cooperation Project – Training]
- 30LDRSTP112126 [Nore Vision Cooperation Project – Governance]

Adrian Cunneen absented himself from the meeting for the duration of their consideration in order to maintain the correct public/private balance.

Project Code:	30LDRSTP106974
Promoter Code:	3343
Promoters Name:	Patrick Fitzgerald, New Inn
Description:	The proposal to develop the Fitzgerald open Farm will provide an innovative experience. Promoter wishes to diversify from their farming income and capitalise on the large numbers of visitors coming into the area to visit local attractions such as the Fethard Horse Country Experience, Glengarra Woods, The Rock Of Cashel, Cahir Castle and Swiss cottage to name but a few. There is no other similar facility in the immediate area. The idea for this concept originated from the realisation that parents have to travel some distances in order to access similar facilities.
Theme:	Rural Economic Development, Enterprise Development And Job Creation
Sub-theme:	Rural tourism
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:	Full approval following procurement grant awarded €196,737.50, 44.74% of €439,711.49
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.
% level of aid & ceiling:	Full approval following procurement grant awarded €196,737.50, 44.74% of €439,711.49
Proposed by:	Donal Mullane
Seconded by:	Imelda Walsh
Absenters:	Adrian Cunneen
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

In relation to project 30LDRSTP106974 [Patrick Fitzgerald, New Inn] Adrian Cunneen absented himself from the meeting for the duration of their consideration in order to maintain the correct public/private

balance.

Seán O'Farrell said while this project (30LDRSTP106974 Patrick Fitzgerald, New Inn) represented an example of farm diversification he would prefer a move more towards sustainability in communities. Donal Mullane said it was good to see good farm projects coming before the committee. Seán O'Farrell said we should be moving towards zero waste and what was needed was a community approach and regenerative farming.

Donal Mullane said that he was concerned with roadside signs he had seen promoting veganism. He said he was worried about disinformation being targeted at young people in this regard. Charles Stanley Smith strongly disagreed. Imelda Walsh said that farmers were being used as scapegoats.

6.2 Consideration of proposals and recommendation in relation to additional €500,000 funding

Shane O'Dwyer informed the meeting that this item was being deferred. He said that a meeting of Tipperary County Council LCDC staff and the implementing partners would take place. Following on from this they would revert to the LCDC with one or more proposals regarding the additional LEADER funding. Seán O'Farrell said that he would like to see additional funding being targeted toward less well off parts of the community. Michael Murray said that there are some projects already being queued up. Shane O'Dwyer said that it would be for the LCDC to decide whether there will be geographic or thematic considerations for the additional funding.

Seán O'Farrell said that bodies such as the Tipperary Energy Agency and Tipperary Local Enterprise Office should work with communities in towns like Roscrea, Tipperary and Carrick-on-Suir to access climate action funding. He referenced Cloughjordan eco village as good model of a sustainable community. Cllr John Carroll (Chair) that we need to be aware of existing strategies and national policies that are outside the committee's remit. Anthony FitzGerald said that the climate action fund was part of Project Ireland 2040. He said much was being done in this area and that the Tipperary Energy Agency was very active. He added that it would be important not to dilute what is already being undertaken. Seán O'Farrell said that we should invite SEAI and the TEA to come and present to LCDC.

6.3 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report

The LEADER Income and Expenditure Report January 2020 was approved on the proposal Seán O'Farrell and seconded by Martin Quinn.

6.4 To note and approve LEADER project extension requests granted as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules

The NTDC LEADER project extension request were noted and approved (including projects for which department derogation had been requested) on the proposal of Seán O'Farrell and seconded by Eoin Wolohan.

NDTC - Projects up to 6-month extension:

Extensions up to 6-months - LAG Approval				
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension	Reason
30LDRNTP103032	Nenagh Urban Social Farm	31/01/2020	30/07/2020	To allow the group to complete the necessary paperwork and all final outstanding financial aspects of the project
30LDRNTP108953	Ballyhogan Country Kitchen	31/01/2020	30/07/2020	The promoter is experiencing delays in the sourcing of a gas commercial oven and has requested a further extension of 6 months to her contract.

NTDC - Projects – over 6-months extension

Extensions over 6-months - LCDC Approval					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRNTP108953	Borrisoleigh Bottling	24/05/2019	26/08/2019 (1 Extension)	24/05/2020	Promoter awaiting paperwork to complete first claim and has requested a further 3-month extension to complete same.
			25/02/2020 (2 Extension)		

NTDC – Department Derogation

Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1 Year extension expired
30LDRNTP103441	All Security shredding	30/09/2018	31/01/2020
30LDRNTP103194	Nenagh Olympic	08/02/2019	07/02/2020

30LDRNTP103020	Arts Programme for Children with Dyspraxia or Anxiety in Tipperary	08/02/2019	07/02/2020
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6.5 Any Other Matters/Updates

Mary Barry Guerin brought the meetings attention to STDC project 30LDRSTP110339 [Clonmel Scout Hall]. She asked that the LCDC approve a change in the rate of aid from 45.61% of €126,643.30 = €57,764.73 to 49.12649% of €117,511.90 = €57,764.73. This follows a review of LEADER eligible costs post procurement.

At the time of decision a quorum did not exist. Four members voted by means of written procedure as illustrated below.

Scouts project - change in rate of aid.

The KCDC approves a change in the rate of aid from 4.61% of £126,643.50 = £57,964.73 to 4.912649% of £117,511.90 = £57,964.73. This follows a Review of LEADER eligible costs per procurement.

KCDC Members agree to approve 4.912649% of £117,511.90 = £57,964.73

KCDC Members

FOR
Gae Hughes

PR
Kee Wilson

FR



PR

Sean O'Sullivan

PR



PR

Michael Murray

PR



PR

Joe Coo

PR

3 Public
5 Private

CHAIR: Joe Coo

Agreed

(Martin O'Sullivan)

Devane, Paul

From: John Lupton [john]lupton@gmail.com
Sent: 21 January 2020 00:21
To: Devane, Paul
Cc: Donal Mullane; Imelda Walsh; Bernadette Cullen; Hayes, Margo; O'Dwyer, Shane
Subject: [External] Re: Decision Required by written procedure

Paul,

I agree.

Regards,

John

Sent from my iPhone

On 20 Jan 2020, at 15:41, Devane, Paul <Paul.Devane@tipperarycoco.ie> wrote:

Hi All

At the time of decision on the following proposal at the LAG this morning 20th January 2020 we did not have a quorum. Thus I write to you to ask if you would consider the below and confirm your agreement or otherwise with the proposal by lunch so that a decision can be made. I have been asked to confirm that the funding amount has not changed but the cost has and therefore the % support has.

Can I ask you to reply indicating whether you agree or not by lunch time tomorrow 21st Jan 2020.

Kind Regards

**Margo Hayes
LCDC Meetings Administrator**

30LDRSTP110339 [Clonmel Scout Hall]

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Paul Devane,
Assistant Staff Officer, Community and Economic Development Section,
Tipperary County Council, Ballingarrane House, Cahir Road, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, E91 E183.

Devane, Paul

From: Imelda Walsh [imeldawalsh65@gmail.com]
Sent: 20 January 2020 17:50
To: Devane, Paul
Cc: Bernadette Cullen; Donal Mullane; Hayes, Margo; John Lupton; O'Dwyer, Shane
Subject: [External] Re: FW: Decision Required by written procedure

Yes, I agree.
Regards
Imelda Walsh

On Mon 20 Jan 2020 at 16:18, Devane, Paul <Paul.Devane@tipperarycoco.ie> wrote:

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Devane, Paul

From: Donal Mullane [Donal.Mullane@teagasc.ie]
Sent: 20 January 2020 15:48
To: Devane, Paul
Subject: [External] Re: Decision Required by written procedure

I support

Regards
Donal Mullane
Regional Manager

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Tipperary County Council, Ballingarrane House, Cahir Road, Clonmel, Co Tipperary, E91 E183.**

**T: 0761 06 6207
E: paul.devane@tipperarycoco.ie**

Devane, Paul

From: Bernadette Cullen [bcullen@tipperaryetb.ie]
Sent: 21 January 2020 11:44
To: John Lupton; Devane, Paul
Cc: Donal Mullane; Imelda Walsh; Hayes, Margo; O'Dwyer, Shane
Subject: [External] RE: Decision Required by written procedure

Hi Paul

I confirm that I agree with this approach

Kind Regards
Bernadette

From: John Lupton <johnlupton@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday 21 January 2020 00:21
To: Devane, Paul <Paul.Devane@tipperarycoco.ie>
Cc: Donal Mullane <donal.mullane@teagasc.ie>; Imelda Walsh <imeldawalsh65@gmail.com>; Bernadette Cullen <bcullen@tipperaryetb.ie>; Hayes, Margo <margo.hayes@tipperarycoco.ie>; O'Dwyer, Shane <shane.odwyer@tipperarycoco.ie>
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Margo Hayes
LCDC Meetings Administrator

7. LECP Annual Review Process and LECP Draft Community Action Plan 2020

Margo Hayes informed the members that the annual review meeting of the LECP had taken place.

Margo Hayes circulated the Draft Community Action Plan 2020 and the Draft 2020 Economic Action Plan to the members. She said consultations will take place shortly. She added the community plan will go to the Strategic Policy Committee and the economic plan would come to the LCDC.

	<p>Martin Quinn welcomed the establishment of Tipperary Town Task Force. He said that this was something he had been campaigning for Tipperary Town for a long time. However he felt that the task force was deficient in terms of representation from both sport and transportation. He underlined the need for Tipperary Town to develop greater links around the train network.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p><u>Healthy Tipperary</u></p> <p>Fiona Crotty informed the meeting that POBAL had approved the Health Tipperary Round LCDC & CYPSC 3 actions. These actions cover the period from June 2019 to June 2021. She said this funding amounted to €371,000 and was a significant investment in the county. She added that Tipperary County Council is also the lead agency in the regional action and this represented an additional €40,000 in funding administered by Tipperary County Council for Strand 3 funding. The regional action focuses on three area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy eating Promotion and tutor training • Positive ageing including recent Positive Ageing Seminar • Tobacco cessation <p>A small grants scheme totaling €30,000 was also part of the round three funding. Details of this will be brought to the February meeting of the LCDC.</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Update on the CEP and Men's and Women's Sheds Grant Schemes</u></p> <p>Eddie Meegan provided the meeting with a report on the 2019 CEP and Men's and Women's Sheds Grant Schemes as follows:</p> <p>County Tipperary received notice of initial funding of €149,690.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CEP is targeted towards enhancing facilities in disadvantaged communities. • The funding provided to each Local Authority area was allocated by providing a baseline amount to each area and allocating the remainder based on the relative population and disadvantage level in each area. This methodology uses census figures and the Pobal Hasse deprivation index. • The closing date for applications was 30th May, 2019. • 168 applications were received. 136 where approved. • 7 Groups did not accept the grant. €6000 was de-committed. • The closing date for the grant funding on the basis of vouched expenditure was on or before 30th November 2019. • 14 groups could not draw down all the money they were granted. • €136,821.68 was awarded in Round 1 • A second round was ran on the 15th November with a closing date on the 13th of December. This was to 6 applicants that missed out on the first round. • 4 of these accepted the grant.

- €5930.52 was awarded in round 2
- At the end of Round 2 there was €6937.59 left over. This money was divided among 30 groups who showed evidence of spending more than the amount they were granted in Round 1. The Groups were selected based on area, 6 from each MD, relative population and disadvantage based on the Pobal Hasse deprivation index.
- All funding was provided to community groups.
- Table 1 below shows the geographical breakdown on where the funding went
- Table 2 below shows the disadvantage breakdown (based on round 1 only)

Municipal District	Amount	Percentage
Clonmel	€30,386.59	20.3%
Nenagh	€20,672.68	13.8%
Cashel Tipp	€34,869.49	23.3%
Templemore Thurles	€36,056.40	24.1%
Carrick	€26,453.24	17.7%

Table 1 Geographical Breakdown

Status	Number	Amount	Percentage Amount
Very disadvantaged	10	€13,789.01	10.1%
Disadvantaged	32	€44,423.22	32.5%
Below Average	76	€61,701.45	45.1%
Above Average	1	€1,000	0.7%
Not Stated	17	€15,908	11.6%

Table 2 Disadvantage Breakdown

Men's and Women's Sheds

Additional funding of €19,634 was allocated to Tipperary for the Community Enhancement Programme. This was ring-fenced for small capital grants for Men's and Women's Sheds.

- The closing date for the Scheme was the 27th of August.
- There were 12 applications received. Two groups were unable to draw down the funding.
- €4605.76 was de-committed in Round 1.
- Each of the 10 groups who received funding in Round 1 were offered a further €500 grant in Round 2.
- 9 groups accepted the additional grant
- Table 3 below gives a geographic breakdown on where the funding went
- Three groups got an extra €37.50 over the €500 based on receipts submitted.
- All funding was provided to Men's and Women's Sheds Groups

MD	Number of Groups	Amount Round 1	Amount Round1 and Round 2	Percentage Amount
Thurles	3	€3,629.3	€4,662.85	23.75%
Tipperary	4	€5,151.76	€7,186.41	36.60%
Carrick	2	€2,991.53	€4,029.08	20.52%
Nenagh	2	€2,375.69	€2,875.69	14.65%
Clonmel	1	€879.96	€879.96	4.48%

Table 3 Geographical Breakdown

10.

Correspondence, Submissions & Consultations

Eddie Meegan informed the meeting about the National Community Engagement Day being held on the 31st of January. This is organised by An Garda Síochána in conjunction with the Irish Farmers Association [IFA], Retail Grocery Dairy & Allied Trades Association [RGDATA] and Convenience Stores & Newsagents Association [CSNA] supported by other partners under the auspices of the National Rural Safety Forum. The time and location of the events in Tipperary Town District are:

- Cappawhite Resource Centre 11am,
- Tipperary Town 1pm and
- Emly Village at 3pm.

James O'Neill from Property Marking Ireland will attend and demo the Property Marking Machine (an initiative of the Joint Policing Committee Tipperary County council) at these events.

Eddie Meegan told the committee that the Community Water Development Fund 2020 is no open for applications. The fund is open to all community and voluntary groups who want to get involved in the protection and restoration of clean and healthy waters in their local area. He went on to inform the meeting about sustainable urban drainage systems.

11.

Any Other Business

11.1 Draft schedule of Meetings 2020

Margo Hayes pointed out a draft list of dates for LCDC meetings in 2020. She explained that the February date of the LCDC would have to be rescheduled as a result of the general election. Wednesday the 19th of February at 10:00am was agreed as the new date for the February meeting. Margo Hayes said that the April meeting of the LCDC would also have to be rescheduled as a meeting of Tipperary County Council has been scheduled for Monday the 20th of April. She said she would bring a revised date to the February meeting.

11.2 Community Clinics Q1 2020

Margo Hayes told the committee that the Community and Enterprise Section of Tipperary County Council will be holding community clinics in

	each of the five municipal districts in the county. Community and voluntary groups would be invited to attend. The clinics aim to support groups applying for grants our seeking information on County Council programmes and initiatives.
12.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> To be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday the 19 th of February in the Littleton and Moycarkey-Borris Community and Sports Centre, Littleton.

Signed: John Carroll **Date:** 19/02/2020
Cllr. John Carroll,
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed: Pat Slattery **Date:** 19/2/2020
Pat Slattery,
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee