

Minutes of 10th Meeting of Tipperary Local Community and Development Committee held on Tuesday 29th September , 2015 at Littleton Community Centre, Thurles.

Present:

Public Sector: Joe Mac Grath, Rita Guinan, Eileen Condon, Cllr. John Carroll, Cllr. Joe Hannigan, Donal Mullane,

Private Sector: Michael Murray, Isabel Cambie, Sara Bourke, Clare Cashman, Cora Horgan, Catherine Guest, Charles Stanley Smith, Brian Cleary

Apologises: -

Public Sector: Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan, Adrian Cunneen, Tim Cullinane, Angela Joy

1. The Members agreed the draft agenda.

The Chairperson took the opportunity to welcome Isabel Cambie, South Tipperary Development Company and Eileen Condon, Tipperary Education Training Board as replacement members on the Board. The Chairperson gave all the members an opportunity to introduce themselves and to outline who they were representing at this Committee.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC meeting –10th September, 2015.**
Proposed by: Cllr. John Carroll and Seconded by: Cora Horgan

Matters Arising:- confirmation on matters raised was provided on the following:-

- The Chief Officer confirmed that Cllr. Mary Hanna Hourigan will sit on the RDP sub-group and another member is considering his position in relation to the Social Inclusion sub-group.
- The Chair requested that a thank you letter be issued to Fionnuala Mc Geever, CEO, Tipperary Education Training Board for her tremendous support to the LCDC. Ms. Mc Geever will continue to sit on the LECP Advisory Group.
- The Chief Officer confirmed that the terms of reference paper on the setting up of an Executive Committee of LCDC will be considered and that we will revert to the Committee at the next meeting.

3. SICAP Mid Term Review

Before any discussion was taken on the SICAP mid-term performance review, Isabel Cambie, STDC and Michael Murray NTLP departed the meeting due to a potential conflict of interest in relation to this programme.

Clare Cashman presented this item on behalf of the Social Inclusion sub-group. Ms Cashman referred to the SICAP mid-term performance review reports from South Tipperary Development Company Ltd. and North Tipperary Leader Partnership Ltd that were circulated prior to the meeting. Ms. Cashman confirmed that Pobal also carried out a parallel review and they raised no concerns in relation to these reviews. However, the sub-group would like the following operational issues to be noted;

- No training provided by Pobal for the Programme Implementers and the lack of direct linkage to deal with operational matters; such as confidentiality and the sharing of data with various agencies.
- To achieve the targets and payment, timelines need to be realistic.
- A number of actions are linked to goal no. 2 & 3 that refers to self employment. The review was based on a four and half month period rather than six months period because this programme was rolled out over the summer period and this timeframe made it difficult to focus on the specific target audience.

Ms. Cashman suggested that the LCDC would raise these issues with Pobal and to ensure that the necessary action is taken.

On this basis Ms. Cashman stated that the sub committee was happy to recommend the 3rd payment be issued to the Programme Implementers. The meeting noted the content and the report was adopted as presented:- proposed by: Clare Cashman and seconded by Eileen Condon

Ms. Cashman thanked the sub group for carrying out this review noting that there was a lot of high level detail to be reviewed and she also complimented both Development Companies for their qualitative analysis and overview of their work to date on this programme.

4. Presentation by Isabel Cambie, STDC & Michael Murray, NTLP - Local Development Strategy

Isabel Cambie made a presentation on the LDS Framework 2015-2020 a copy of the presentation was circulated prior to the meeting. Ms. Cambie outlined the background detail to the Local Development Strategy. She outlined the progress to date and set out the various steps that were undertaken as part of the participative planning to include:-

- Public Consultation
- Agreed LDS Prioritises
- Community & Thematic Consultation

At this stage of the presentation Michael Murray referred to the themes and sub themes of the RDP and he outlined the funding available to the County. The total County allocation is €10,103,443 whereby 75% will be for projects and a maximum total of 25% for administration. Based on the needs analysis from the public and agency consultation and submissions linked to the LECP Mr. Murray gave some examples of how the budget spend could be broken down by themes. Mr. Murray set out the next steps that needs to be met such as;-

- Preparation of the draft priority Action Plan to be issued to the Members before the LDS workshop
- Final public consultation feedback meeting
- Consideration and sign off of final draft by LCDC at November meeting.

It is expected that the final draft of the Plan will be submitted to the Department by mid - late November.

Comments made by the Members and suggestions for consideration in the draft plan are;

- Adding value is important in terms of animation and capacity building for communities
- To expand on the Enterprise Culture
- Maximise the usage of community infrastructure for the common good and to ensure these facilities are accessible to all; (could an audit of these facilities be carried out). Need to also look at maintenance repair and management of same
- To be prepared to make competitive bids when opportunities arise
- Create an awareness with Communities on Bio-diversity

The Members thanked Isabel Cambie and Michael Murray for their presentation they also took this opportunity to compliment all involved with this process, the public and relevant stakeholders for their excellent engagement. The Members are aware of the significant task that they need to do in order to set out strong and clear priorities based on what was outlined under the various themes.

It was agreed that the LCDC/LDS workshop date would be changed to 29th October, 2015. At this workshop the Members will go through the draft plan in detail and agree on the actions and funding call options. It was also agreed that the draft LDS would be circulated to the members prior to the workshop.

The Chairperson requested that relevant strategies would also be circulated with the draft LDS these might be useful in terms of reviewing the draft Local Development Strategy.

5. AOB

LCDC Logo – The Chief Officer to liaise with IT Section, Tipperary County Council to develop a logo for the LCDC and to have some options at the next meeting for consideration.

A Schedule of 2016 meeting dates to be available at the next meeting.

The Chief Officer confirmed that it is expected that an announcement of Redz submission and the Town Village renewal scheme will be released over the next few weeks.

The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on the 17th November the Chairman thanked the members for their attendance and contribution.

Signed/ 
Charles Stanley Smith,
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date/ 17th November, 2015