

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

**Present:**

**Public Sector:** Karl Cashel (TCC), Cllr John Carroll, Adrian Cunneen (DEASP)  
Pat Carroll (IFA)

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Declan Burgess, Cllr Joe Hannigan, Colin Cummins (TETB), Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh (PPN)

**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. Eoin noted the resignation of Pat Slattery, Chief Officer and wished him well for the future. He welcomed Anthony Fitzgerald as Acting Chief Officer and commented on how it was great to meet face to face with all staff. He noted Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh's resignation from the LCDC and wished her well for the future.</p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b></p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest</b> Isabel Cambie declared a Conflict of Interest with one of the projects.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions</b> Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p><b>1.4 Ethics Documents</b> Margo asked the committee to fill in and return the Ethics Documents forms for 2022 which will be email to all to sign and return.</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 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 &amp; Matters Arising (Decision)</u></b> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> July, 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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bi-monthly Report on Progress Including Ukrainian Budgets spend</b></li> </ul>

Michael Murray gave an update on SICAP for North Tipperary Development Company under Goal 1 – Community, Advocacy and Volunteering and Goal 2 – Individuals.

He also updated on Ukraine Response for Thurles, Littleton, Nenagh and Templemore.

Isabel Cambie gave an update on SICAP for South Tipperary Development Company under Goal 1 – Community, Advocacy and Volunteering and Goal 2 – Individuals.

She updated on Ukraine Response for Clogheen, Clonmel and Fethard.

She also updated on the Social Inclusion projects approved by the board of STDC in July under the headings, Tipperary Pride, Clonmel, Friends of Playground Cahir, Gail Community Group and Social Enterprise Grants under Goad 1 for Tipperary Community Services and Millennium FRC, Gortnahoe.

## 5. **5.1 LEADER**

### **5.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)**

Michael Murray briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects. There were not projects to present to the September meeting.

### **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:	30LDRSTP117825
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Camphill Communities of Ireland Clg, Brannockstown, Naas, Co. Kildare
Description:	EURI Camphill Carrick on Suir research / social discovery and analysis. A feasibility study on the future use of the Journeyman facilities and site in Carrick on Suir.
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:	€24,900.00
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).	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." The core of the project is to identify optimal usage of an agricultural and craft site in Carrick on Suir for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities, and the wider community of Carrick on Suir, in particular those experiencing social exclusion
% level of aid & ceiling:	90% of total project cost (€24,900.00) = €22,410.00
Proposed by:	Julie O'Halloran
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP117705
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Mid West radio Co-Operative Society Limited, Tipperary Town
Description:	Equipment Enhancement: Purchase and installation of studio equipment in the existing radio station at St Michael Street, Tipp Town and new outside broadcast 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:	€63,073.89
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 compatible with "Aim b – Promote projects which support communities in a post COVID environment" and "Aim c support job creation, entrepreneurship, enterprise development and innovation" as this equipment enhancement project will assist in the ongoing sustainability of this social enterprise in Tipperary. With a focus on older people and isolated communities who were most hit by the pandemic, the project fits with Priorities 2 relating to community post COVID response
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 (€84,098.53) = €63,073.89
Proposed by:	Pat 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:	30LDRSTP117547
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Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Dualla Community Association CLG
Description:	The proposed development is for a new community carpark and biodiversity area within the Boherlahan village, Co. Tipperary is to further enable and facilitate existing and planned new community facilities and amenities within the rural village of Boherlahan, Co. Tipperary. The existing carpark in Boherlahan village operates unsafely and above maximum capacity on a daily basis during peak usage times.
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:	€65,699.47
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><b>Aims:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote projects which support communities in a post-COVID-19 environment – Boherlahan-Dualla as a community are in a multi-phase plan at the moment to try and develop the community to move with the times in a post covid era. This includes the development of a new hall which will have remote working opportunities for people in the locality and this car park will service this new hall. It also services a community Astro turf field – which after covid has been in high demand with more outdoor physical activity being promoted.</li> </ul> <p><b>Priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>- Support for new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change, environmental protection and the green economy.</li> </ul>
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 (€87,599.30) = €65,699.47
Proposed by:	ClIr John Carroll
Seconded by:	Derry O'Donnell
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project Code:	30LDRSTP117949
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Ballyporeen Community Council Clg
Description:	Ballyporeen Community Garden, Recreational Area and Walkway

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:	€174,974.43
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 meets the objectives of the Local Development Strategy as it is making a high-quality enhancement to the basic infrastructure of Ballyporeen, which will be accessible to all. Outdoor amenities are increasingly important in the post COVID period, and this will make a significant contribution to personal wellbeing, health, fitness and the environment. It meets Aim b / priority 2 "Promote projects which support communities in a post COVID environment". It also supports Priority 4 which supports "new and innovative projects in the areas of climate change and environmental protection".
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 (€233,299.25)=€174,974.43
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:	30LDRSTP117895
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	South Tipperary Development CLG
Description:	EURI SMART Villages and Climate Change Action Training - An integrated programme for communities and individuals to upskill in sustainable planning and environmental issues and biodiversity
Theme:	Rural Environment
Sub Theme:	Biodiversity
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:	€81,702.76
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).	This project meets the EURI guidelines on the following criteria:  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.  This training project is supporting individuals and Communities within South Tipperary to develop plans for their area in terms of SMART villages, climate change action and biodiversity protection.
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of total project cost (€81,702.76)=€81,702.76
Proposed by:	Julie O'Halloran
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 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: -**

<b>Sept-22</b>					
<b>Extension Requests up to 6-months to be noted (approved by Chief Officer)</b>					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRSTP115629	The Tipperary Greenway Project	01/09/2022		31/12/2022	Project delayed due to Covid. Expected to complete Dec 22. Note seeking retrospective extension from 01/09/22

<b>Extensions over 6-months - LCDC Approval</b>					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
30LDRSTP 114657	Monard Hall Committee	14/04/2022	30/09/2022	01/12/2023	Project delayed due to Covid. Extension requested to cover project completion and to allow for

					payment of retention of 5% 12 months from completion
30LDRSTP 114641	Coniaka Ltd	31/03/2022	30/09/2022	30/03/2023	Project delayed due to COVID

The project extension requests were approved on the proposal of Mike Edwards seconded by Pat Carroll.

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

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

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

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

##### **Cooperation Budget**

The department had provided updated on remaining cooperation budget as circulated to the meeting. A total of €12.138 of €13m has been allocated. Michael Murray advised that NTDC are working on a further cooperation project in relation to Tennis Club in Roscrea, with aspiration to bring to the October meeting.

#### **Killaloe Ballina Tennis Club contract wording**

Project Code:	30LDRNTP117838
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Killaloe Ballina Tennis Club

Under the social inclusion strategy and implementation for this project the recommended wording on Contract under special conditions:

As this project has been identified as being a community inclusion project, the Promoter must ensure that an appropriate community inclusion strategy is implemented to ensure use of the facility by the entire community.

This was agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards, seconded by Derry O'Donnell.

#### **Change of Supplier Project 30LDRntp117631**

Project No. 30LDRntp117631 Lough Derg Yacht Club (Works to Improve Access for People with Disability) - change of crane hoist manufacturer from Roodberg to Pelloby that will be supplied/sourced by the original successful tenderer Beacon Developments. There is no change to grant amount approved or level of grant aid.

This was agreed on the proposal of Cllr John Carroll seconded by Gearoid O'Foighil

#### **New Leader Programme**

The CAP budget was agreed on 31<sup>st</sup> August and this should now in turn commence the new Leader Programme rollout. Michael Murray stated that it is anticipated that correspondence will issue shortly from the Department re the

new LEADER Programme. As the Local Action Group (LAG) the first step will be to submit an Expressions of Interest will come before the LCDC as the LAG. If the LCDC is successful as the LAG then the LAG will have to have a new Local Development Strategy in place by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023. Margo added that it is an exciting opportunity to direct on where to prioritise if you identify gaps and it is important to engage and have your say as LCDC.

**IEC membership**

Isabel raised the issue of vacancies for South Tipperary Development Company Independent Evaluation Committee as four people have left. Quorum will be difficult to reach in the current situation which may result in a delay in project processing.

Approval was sought that for the remainder of the LEADER Programme (to December 2022) -NTDC and STDC can nominate members to the IECs through the co-option process. Regard must be made to the ethics documents to include Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Documentation etc. This was agreed on the proposal of Gearoid O’Foighil seconded by Derry O’Donnell.

**6. Quality of Life**

**Healthy Ireland Strand 4 Actions**

Áine Roche, Healthy Tipperary Coordinator updated the Committee on Healthy Ireland Fund round 4 and gave a breakdown of applications that were approved for funding and actions regarding same and provided a report giving information on each action.

1. LCDC Sign of the times	€5500
2. NTDC Roscrea Youth Services (RYS) Youth Counselling	€5760
3. Tipperary PPN Positive Health and Wellbeing	€5500
4. Silver Arch Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME)	€3200
5. TSP Active Bodies	€5600
6. Period Poverty	€3000
7. Dementia Action	€3000
8. Tipperary Library Health and Well Being	€5000
9. Water Station Bird Hill	€1000
10.Mental Health Week	€1500
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>€40,000</b>
<b>Total for Recommendation</b>	<b>€39,060</b>

Fiona Crotty advised that the governance of Healthy Ireland was a function of the LCDC and approval and recommendations in relation to Healthy Ireland would be brought to the LCDC. This recommendation was approved by Mike Edwards and seconded by Cllr John Carroll.

**Healthy Ireland Strand 4 Strategy**

Fiona Crotty advised that the Department of Health are holding a briefing session for the Chief Officers and Healthy Ireland Coordinator on 5<sup>th</sup> October to provide information in relation to the overarching Healthy Ireland round 4 framework and our requirement to complete a local strategy for Healthy Ireland Funding 2023-2025 and an activities workplan for 2023 by 9<sup>th</sup> December. Further information will be provided to the LCDC following the 5<sup>th</sup> October briefing.



**Age Friendly**

Fiona Crotty advised on events and activities in County Tipperary to celebrate Positive Ageing Week 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September. The LCDC had previously approved ringfenced CAF funding for Age Friendly and this was supporting the local groups hosting events in the county.

Fiona also advised about ongoing work in relation to Healthy Ireland which had been a previous LCDC Healthy Ireland action. September is National Brain Health month and world Alzheimer's Day is 21<sup>st</sup> September. Tipperary Town library will host a craft group working on a fidget blanket project to mark this date and Tipperary County Council, Silver Arch FRC and Ballingarry Community Development are working on a signposting website for county Tipperary on dementia [www.dementiatipperary.ie](http://www.dementiatipperary.ie)

**Sláintecare Healthy Communities Clonmel**

Stephanie O'Callaghan updated the Committee on promotion of Healthy Communities in Clonmel. She is working with community group from the Old Bridge, as a pilot/focus group community, at present addressing what they want and how they want it to move forward. Stephanie outlined the community development work undertaken to date and building the profile of Healthy Communities in Clonmel. She is working with Children and Young Peoples Services for the Town of Clonmel and how to engage children in consultation and will work with South Tipperary Arts Centre to deliver on same. She is also working with parents, services and agencies in relation to developing social activity opportunities for children and young people with disabilities in the community. Fiona outlined again for the new members that the Governance of the Healthy Communities Programme is with the LCDC therefore reporting on the actions of this project will come before the LCDC.

**Period & Hygiene Poverty**

Collectively Stephanie, Fiona and Aine are working on hygiene security, this action received specific funding from Department of health and additional funding has been provided by Healthy Ireland, Healthy Communities to deliver on same.

**Make Way Day**

Aine Roche also advised that 30<sup>th</sup> September is 'Make Way Day' and asked if you have any photos they can hashtag '#Make Way Day 22' and be part of the overall campaign.

**ISL – Irish Sign Language Week 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> September**

ISL – Irish Sign Language Week is this week. ISL is officially the 3<sup>rd</sup> recognized language in Ireland. Tipperary County Council have been partners on building awareness of and use of ISL over the last few years.

The tag line of our campaign is "Give it a go and help it grow". Tipperary Library service have now compiled over 40 stories aimed at the young audience incorporating ISL and on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> in Clonmel Library we had a live story time featuring ISL. Under previous funding we had prepared instructional recordings, which are now been revised with full ISL and then with the support of the Healthy Ireland Funding this will be developed into a training portal for use across all sectors.

**7. Update on LECP Development**

Margo updated on the LECP stating an Advisory Group has been set up and has identified high level goals. Agency consultations on the goals through SPC's has taken place and there were number of submissions. Three tenders for the Socio

	Economic Profile have come is. Community Consultation through will be through the PPN.
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>Correspondence, Submissions &amp; Consultations</u></b></p> <p>Margoinformed the Committee Children and Young Peoples Service Committee (CYPSC) are launching their Strategic Plan 2022-2025 plan in Thurles 3pm on 11th October.</p> <p>She stated an invitation for Public Consultation from the Department of Social Protection for the Roadmap for Social Inclusion Mid-Term Review launched on 6<sup>th</sup> September – details will be circulated to LCDC.</p> <p><b><u>PPN Review Submission</u></b></p> <p>At the July meeting Fiona advised that the Department had carried out a structural review of the PPN and sought feedback from each LCDC on same. Following an invitation to participate in the feedback a sub group of the LCDC meet on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Representing and participating from the LCDC, Cllr John Carroll, EoinWolohan and Julie O'Halloran joined by Ruth Smith from Tipperary PPN. We prepared a submission based on the report, this submission has been circulated to all members. Ultimately the integrity and independence of the PPN, how the PPN can be strengthened and embedded underpinned our feedback and Option 2 in terms of implementation as a compromise. Fiona acknowledged the participation of all of the sub group and we further recommended that the department provide for creation of community statements based on well being visions which can be used for involving communities at local level.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>A.O.B.</u></b></p> <p>None.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></b></p> <p>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom.</p>

**Signed:** Eoin Wolohan **Date:** 18.10.2022  
Eoin Wolohan  
Chair,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

**Signed:** Anthony Fitzgerald **Date:** 19.10.2022  
Anthony Fitzgerald,  
Acting Chief Officer,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee