

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held  
18<sup>th</sup> October, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. Via teleconferencing and Zoom**

**Present:**

**Public Sector:** Cllr John Carroll (Chair), Cllr Joe Hannigan, Adrian Cunneen (DEASP) **(3)**

**Private Sector:** Michael Murray (NTDC), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Eoin Wolahan (PPN), Andrea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh (PPN), Cora Horgan (PPN), Imelda Walsh (IFA), John O'Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Derry O'Donnell (PPN), Sean O'Farrell (PPN), Tom Cullen (PPN) **(10)**

**Apologies:** Donal Mullane (Teagasc), Cllr Declan Burgess, Derval Howley HSE, Fiona Crotty (TCC)

**In Attendance:** Pat Slattery (Chief Officer), Shane O'Dwyer (TCC), Margo Hayes (TCC), Eddie Meegan (TCC), Cliona Tobin (TCC)

**Also In Attendance:** Kathleen Maher (NTDC SICAP), Breda Ryan (NTDC SICAP)

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b><u>To Note Adherence to Meeting Procedure Requirements</u></b> Cllr John Carroll opened the meeting and welcomed all present. He also formally welcomed the new PPN members Andea Ní Mhaoldomhnaigh, Derry O'Donnell and Tom Cullen to the committee. He suggested training course for all new members. Margo stated induction training was carried out with PPN members.</p> <p><b>1.1 Quorum</b> Margo confirmed that a quorum had been achieved with full attendance from Private Sector.</p> <p><b>1.2 Conflict of Interest</b> Cllr John Carroll (Chair) advised members that they may declare a conflict of interest as the meeting proceeded.</p> <p><b>1.3 Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER written decision</b> Would be dealt with as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>A Screen Shot 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 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 &amp; Matters Arising (Decision)</u></b> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 were agreed on the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan and seconded by Eoin Wolahan.</p>

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b><u>Election of Chairperson and Vice Chair</u></b></p> <p>Outgoing Chair Cllr John Carroll made a short speech paying tribute to the Chief Executive and his staff and the CEO's of the two Development Companies and members of the Board and sub committees for all their work during his 3-year term as Chair of the LCDC.</p> <p>He then called for nominations for new Chairperson. Eoin Wolahan was elected new Chair on the proposal of John O'Shaughnessy, seconded by Tom Cullen.</p> <p>Eoin took over as Chair and called for election of Vice Chair. Sean O'Farrell was elected Vice Chair on the proposal of Cllr Joe Hannigan, seconded by John O'Shaughnessy.</p> <p>Pat Slattery thanked John as outgoing Chair for his contribution over the past 3 years and welcomed Eoin Wolahan as newly elected Chair and offered any help he may need in his role.</p> <p>Cllr Joe Hannigan wished Eoin well and payed homage to Cllr John Carroll who brought vast experience to his position over the 3 years as Chair.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b><u>SICAP</u></b></p> <p><b><u>STDC - Monthly Progress Report</u></b></p> <p>Isabel reported in the progress of SICAP Since September (Circulated) including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings in person are back</li> <li>• Men's Shed event in Cabragh Wetlands Thurles</li> <li>• In association with Youth Work Ireland Tipperary Resettlement Project, Syrian women have are beginning to meet on a weekly basis in Knockanrawley Resource Centre (KRC).</li> <li>• Tipperary Community Sports Hub -The SICAP team have been linking with the Tipperary Community Sports Hub coordinator for Tipp Town. Barry is currently facilitating sports activities/ indoor walking soccer for members of the Men's Shed.</li> <li>• Social Enterprises -Carrick-on-Suir Meals Assist has made an application to SICAP for a grant of €2,000 under the "Social Enterprise" Budget. This will enable the group to purchase much needed equipment to support their work in distributing meals to 105 clients</li> <li>• The group entered the "Not For Profit Award Category" in of The Tipperary Chamber of Commerce Business Awards 2021. They have made the final short list in their category. This is a major achievement for this very young Social Enterprise.</li> <li>• Early Years Services Childcare provision continues in Knockanrawley to almost 100 children across six early years, preschool and afterschool rooms. A number of children attending are under TUSLA sponsorship. Twelve children from the Syrian refugee community are attending.</li> <li>• Parents clubs have resumed and one to one support are being provided to ten disadvantaged families</li> </ul> <p><b><u>NTDC Monthly Progress Report</u></b></p> <p>Michael Murray NTDC presented his report for September with an update of work undertaken under the following headings:-</p>

- Empowering Communities
- Advocacy
- Social Enterprise
- Volunteering
- Learning for Life
- Personal Development and
- Youth Development.

He wanted to recognise the contribution from Sean O'Farrell PPN for all the work he has done in conjunction with development companies. He stated it is good to see links working in partnership with PPN.

Sean followed up on Michaels comment to complement John on his 3-year term and welcomed Eoin Wolahan. Regarding the social enterprises, Mens Sheds and circular economy how to integrate it? He thanked Michael for the support regarding transport the participants to the farm for the social farming exercise.

Michael replied by saying the smart villages got through approval on a national level with training to be delivered by LIT via a standardised curriculum. Sean offered support to Michael to personalize curriculum.

Tom Cullen thanked Mike Ryan who is the coordinator in developing Mens Sheds Project. The initiative has been affecting other regions in a positive way regionally if not nationally.

Cllr Joe Hannigan raised his concerns that 6 Mens Shed abolished in North Tipperary and asked if there is anything we can do.

Michael Murray stated Mike Ryan carried out a survey on risk assessments, capacity etc. in that there were a number of reasons for abolishment. He can send out a copy of the survey results.

Tom Cullen added that it can be pretty complex, it could be down to governance, age and reliance on 1 or 2 members taking charge. He is currently working with Irish Mens Shed Association, ETB and Development Companies are on board so there can be a development of more structure around governance.

### **STDC Monthly Progress Report**

Isabel Cambie STDC expressed her thanks to Cllr John Carroll for all his help and support and looked forward to working with Eoin.

She then presented her report for September a copy of which was circulated under the following headings:-

- Mens Shed event in Cabragh Wetlands
- Syrian Women's Group
- Tipperary Community Sports Hub
- Social Enterprises
- Employment, Enterprise and Life Long Learning supports and
- Early years services

She thanked Michael and his team for the well organised event in Cabragh Wetlands.

Margo thanked Isabel and Michael and stated its great to see the flavour of work being done. She added that the Programme is being extended by one year to include 2023 and informed the committee that both development companies have identified priority areas and these will be encompassed in a Statement of Priorities. Both North and South Tipperary have identified New Communities and Long Term Unemployed as priorities. North Tipperary Development Company older people in isolation as third priority and South Tipperary Development Company have Traveller/Roma Communities as third priority.

Margo also stated that the STDC SICAP 2021 Case Study on Wallers Lot Working Group was distributed with Agenda. Michael stated NTDC Case study on Collaboration has not been distributed yet.

Cllr Joe Hannigan complimented all the work being done which is important for communities and he asked to keep up to the good work.

**6. 6.1 LEADER**

**6.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)**

Michael Murray briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects and then outlined the details of the following NTDC projects to the members:

Project Code:	30LDRNTP116133
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Cloughjordan Circus Club
Description:	Research has identified a growing interest and demand for Cloughjordan Circus activities and are seeking support to meet the growing demand and to implement their strategic plan effectively and sustainably. They want to increase the number of youth circus tutors who can deliver training to young people on a weekly basis and to develop their capacity for outreach and other projects by providing a greater range of CPD training for the team.
Theme:	Theme #2: Social Inclusion.
Sub-theme:	Local Objective6: Strategic Action 6.2. Youth Empowerment through Cultural Initiatives.
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:	€27,558.00
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)	Community based projects that seek to address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI): Identify how this project meets the aims of the EURI funding and is in line with the LAG LDS. (Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	N/A
% level of aid & ceiling:	100% of total project cost (€27,558.00) = €27,558.00
Proposed by:	Imelda Walsh
Seconded by:	Sean O'Farrell
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRNTP116515
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	The Workshop Health & Fitness Limited
Description:	The proposed project involves re-development of the 1st floor designated office space in Arrabawn, Newport, into a Health & Fitness Centre that will service the town of Newport and the surrounding areas. 4 rooms will be developed from the current open area of approximately 345m <sup>2</sup> . An open gym/fitness class area, physio room, recovery room and a waiting room that will service both the physio room and recovery areas.
Theme:	Theme #1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation.
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 2: Integrated & Targeted approach to sustainable enterprise and job creation in Tipperary. Strategic Action 2.2: Investment Programme for Rural Enterprises.
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:	€56,097.75
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)	"Supports to rural businesses seeking to reach new markets, expand, innovate and/or diversify in response to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and/or Brexit, with a particular emphasis on providing support to businesses in the food sector".
For projects funded under the European Union Recovery Instrument (EURI):	N/A

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).	
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (74,797.00)= €56,097.75
Proposed by:	Cllr John Carroll
Seconded by:	Tom Cullen
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

<b>Project Code:</b>	30LDRNTP116188 (LEADER Food Initiative)
Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Barry & Lorraine Cahalan T/A Cais na Tire Ltd
Description:	The purchase of additional equipment to assist in production process which will improve efficiency and safe-guard production. The equipment required includes a generator, hot pressure washer and vacuum cleaner & TV will be used for shows and exhibitions as a key marketing tool providing sort video clips of the story of the farm, the sheep and the cheese making process.
Theme:	Theme #1: Economic Development, Enterprise Development & Job Creation.
Sub-theme:	Local Objective 2: Integrated & Targeted approach to sustainable enterprise and job creation in Tipperary. Strategic Action 2.2: Investment Programme for Rural Enterprises.
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:	€5,124.08
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.
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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.	N/A

(Please Refer to Section 4 - Eligibility of projects for EURI funding in the EURI Guidelines Document).	
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of total project cost (6,832.11) = €5,124.08
Proposed by:	Imelda Walsh
Seconded by:	Tom Cullen
Absenters:	No
Agreed by Board:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Project no. 30LDRNTP11958 Promoter Rebecca McKenna (Lough Derg Water Sports) has not passed Article 48 check so will be deferred until the November meeting.

Project no. 30LDRNTP116176 Promoter Eamon Quigley to renovate a country cottage was discussed at the request of Cllr Joe Hannigan. Pat Slattery stated it is a matter for the Development Company to engage with Planning Authority to clarify. John O'Shaughnessy requested once clarity is given from the Planning Authority, the Chief Officer can circulate to the Committee.

## 6.2 STCD CEO Report (Decision)

Isabel Cambie briefed the meeting on the budgets for LEADER Projects.

She informed the Committee Project no. STP116229 Slieveardagh Rural Development has not yet passed Article 48 check so will be deferred to the November meeting.

## 6.3 Leader Extensions (Decision)

### LEADER project extension requests granted as per Section 8.4 of the Operating Rules:

Isabel Cambie presented the following extension request:-

October-21					
Extensions Requests for Projects to be approved by LCDC (6-12 Months)					
Project ID	Project Name	Contract Completion Date	1st Contract Extension Expiry Date	Requested Extension	Reason
STP112630	Lingaun Valley Signage	17/05/2021	17/11/2021	17/05/2022	Project delayed due to Covid-19.

This extension request was proposed by Tom Cullen and seconded by John O'Shaughnessy.

**6.4 To approve Monthly Income and Expenditure Report (Decision)**

The LEADER Income and Expenditure report for October, 2021 was presented by Shane O'Dwyer.

Cllr John Carroll thanked Shane for the report and stated a lot of work goes in to the figures for monthly report and said well done.

The report was approved on the proposal of Cllr. John Carroll and seconded by Sean O'Farrell.

**6.5. AOB**

None.

**7. Child Handover Access Needs & Feasibility Study presentation**

Breda Ryan, NTDC SICAP and Kathleen Maher, NTDC SICAP gave a presentation on the feasibility study which was commissioned by NTDC under the SICAP Programme. It was compiled due to a need identified by Ascend NTDC to explore the feasibility of the provision of a Child Handover Access Service for parents and children in North Tipperary. This was further highlighted by organisations and agencies at CYSPC in North Tipperary.

15 parents were interviewed for this survey all of who have experienced or are experiencing issues with child access arrangements. 14 Service providers were also interviewed including Court Services, Mediation Services, An Garda Siochana, Domestic Violence Services, Tulsa etc.

The survey showed the impact on the child where Ad Hoc Arrangements V's Child Access Centre handover from parental perspective and professional perspective. Nenagh and Thurles were identified as a proposed location in North Tipperary considering population density and a central location to facilitate ease of access.

The Model will be based on Galways 'Time 4 Us' initiative which provides a free service in a safe, neutral, child focussed environment for child handover for parents, children, grandparents and grandchildren, siblings or other family members.

- A Personal Development Group 12 Week Programme to support women who left an abusive relationship on the road to healing.
- Health Relationships Programme Delivered in Schools across North Tipperary
- Safe House – New Collaboration with Tipperary County Council

Webinar on Responding to coercive control with Dr. Emma Katz Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November @2 p.m.

A copy of this report is going for print and will be made available to all the Committee.



	Eoin thanked Breda and Kathleen for comprehensive report Imelda Walsh and Michael Murray offered support into this in any way they can. Breda said there is a Steering Group in place.																								
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>Healthy Ireland Update</u></b></p> <p>Dan Downey was unavailable to present Healthy Ireland update in Fiona Crotty's absence. Derval Howley will forward on a written update on healthy communities.</p>																								
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>CEP and Social Enterprise Capital Grant</u></b></p> <p>Eddie Meegan updated the committee on the Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme 2021. He worked with Caroline in North Tipperary and Sara in South Tipperary in assessing and ranking the 37 applicant groups of which 15 Groups were recommended to Department for approval. It is expected the first 8 groups will be funded and it is hoped the remaining 7 will be funded if extra funds become available. A copy of the shortlisted applicant groups and amount of funding applied for was forwarded with Agenda for Committees information.</p> <p>The scheme was approved on the proposal of Tom Cullen, seconded by Cllr John Carroll.</p> <p>The Community Enhancement Programme which was due to close in September but was extended until 6<sup>th</sup> October is now closed. At the June meeting it was proposed to fund 9 groups on a waiting list from decommitted funds. This is not possible due to the extended deadline. Funds will instead be distributed to groups who have provided evidence of expenditure over the amount granted.</p>																								
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>DRDC Streetscape Scheme (noting)</u></b></p> <p>Shane updated the committee of the DRCD Streetscape Scheme which was announced in August where the opportunity to nominate 6 towns for grant aid by mid-November. Due to the tight turnaround for applications an extension to end of December 2021 and in certain circumstances April 2022 was granted. Tipperary put forward 6 towns for funding totaling approx. €320,000:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Town</th> <th>Properties</th> <th>Approved</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Roscrea</td> <td>19</td> <td>€75,100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rosegreen</td> <td>3</td> <td>€14,499.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cahir</td> <td>15</td> <td>€43,840.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cashel</td> <td>18</td> <td>€53,624.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carrick On Suir</td> <td>45</td> <td>€43,681.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nenagh</td> <td>40</td> <td>€86,209.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>140</td> <td>€316,953.81</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>He added the upgrade of window displays shopfronts, painting, electrics and shopfront replacements etc. he acknowledged the positive impact such a scheme will have for town centres as they emerge from COVID.</p>	Town	Properties	Approved	Roscrea	19	€75,100.00	Rosegreen	3	€14,499.80	Cahir	15	€43,840.00	Cashel	18	€53,624.01	Carrick On Suir	45	€43,681.00	Nenagh	40	€86,209.00	Total	140	€316,953.81
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11.	<p><b><u>Correspondence, Submissions &amp; Consultations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Margo informed the committee the Tipperary Community Learning Spaces advertised to all the Third Level Institutions in the Country. 10 hubs are currently in place in Tipperary providing between 45-50 learning spaces for students. By utilising the Community facilities, the students can avail of a quiet learning space if they have poor wi-fi capacity at home or if parents are working from home they can bring their laptop once booked in to the space and are provide with a safe work space.</li> <li>• Margo informed the Committee of the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty Survey which is on Tipperary County Council homepage and closing date is Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October – a copy of the link will be forwarded.</li> <li>• Shane reminded the Committee of the email sent to the Committee regarding Coillte Stakeholder Consultation process Tree Felling Plans 2021-2025 of which Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November is closing date.</li> <li>• Shane informed the committee of Eventbrite Webinar on Revitalising Towns and Villages on 10<sup>th</sup> November.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eoin thanked the committee for their contributions in to the meeting today and for electing him Chair of the LCDC. He acknowledged a lot of work goes in to the preparation for the meeting.</li> <li>• The December meeting together with a lunch will take place in the Horse and Jockey (Covid Restrictions allowing).</li> </ul>
13.	<p><b><u>Date and form of next meetings</u></b></p> <p>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom.</p>

Signed: Eoin Wolahan Date: 16.11.2021  
Eoin Wolahan,  
Chair,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed: Pat Slattery Date: 17/11/2021  
Pat Slattery,  
Chief Officer,  
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee