

Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 3.00pm remotely via ZOOM

**In Attendance:**

Mr. Paul Patton  
Board (Chairperson)  
Cllr. Gerry Flynn  
Cllr. Cillian Murphy  
Cllr. Johnny Flynn  
Mr. Andrew Dundas  
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan  
Ms. Hilary Tonge  
Ms. Mary O'Donoghue  
Ms. Cornelia Wahli  
Mr. Maurice Harvey  
Ms. Bedelia Collins  
Ms. Dóirín Graham  
Ms. Helen Downes  
Ms. Bernie Haugh  
Ms. Deirdre Power  
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

**Organization:**

Limerick and Clare Education & Training  
  
Elected Member (Vice- Chairperson)  
Elected Member  
Elected member  
Agricultural Farmers Sector  
PPN Community & Voluntary Interests  
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PPN Social Inclusion Interests  
PPN Environmental Interests  
Age Friendly Alliance Board  
HSE  
Clare Local Development Company  
Employers/Business  
Chief Officer  
Rural Development  
Rural Development

**Apologies Received**

Mr. Pat Dowling  
Mr. Dermot Hayes  
Cllr. Bill Chambers  
Ms. Mary Moloney  
Mr. Michael Neylon  
Mr. Padraic McElwee

Chief Executive  
Social Inclusion Interests  
Elected Member  
Department of Social protection  
Rural Development  
Head of Enterprise

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

**Issue:** Minutes of previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to be agreed by **the** committee.

**Action:** Taking the minutes as read and with no matters arising, they were proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by H. Tonge.

**Responsibility:** N/A

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## TOPIC 2: LCDC MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Issue:** Consideration of Nominations for LCDC Membership.

B. Haugh read out considerations for the new LCDC members for consideration by the Members:

Thomas Lane (Irish Farming Association), Brian McManus (Clare Youth Services) and Margaret O'Brien (Ennis Chamber of Commerce).

Acknowledgements and thanks were expressed to outgoing members: Mary O'Donoghue (Clare PPN), Margaret Slattery (Clare Youth Services) Andrew Dundas (Agriculture Sector), Helen Downes (Business Sector).

**Actions:** LCDC members supported the nomination of the new members. Proposed by Cllr. G. Flynn and seconded by M. Harvey

**Responsibility:** Chief Officer B. Haugh to propose new memberships to the full County Council for ratification.

**Deadline:** New members to be ratified at the May council meeting.

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## TOPIC 3: LCDC 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

**Issue:** 2020 Annual report to be adopted.

D. Power presented the draft report on work of the LCDC in 2020. Amendments to the report requested by members; further detail to be added to the infographics pages incl. the explanation of acronyms, addition of images and examples of funded projects in 2020.

**Actions:** The report was adopted pending above amendments. Full report to be published. Proposed by M.O' Donoghue and seconded by N.O' Callaghan.

**Responsibility:** D. Power

**Deadline:** May 2021

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#### TOPIC 4: PPN CLIMATE CONVERSATION

**Issue:** Presentation from the national pilot for Climate Conversations.

C. Wahli gave a comprehensive presentation to LCDC members on behalf of the Clare PPN following recently hosted series of Climate Conversations.

**Actions:** Deirdre to circulate copy of the presentation to LCDC members. Items outlined in presentation to be noted for LECP review.

**Responsibility:** D. Power

**Deadline:** Following LECP guidance

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#### TOPIC 5: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Acknowledgements** were made by the Chairperson and LCDC members to Michael Neylon on his retirement from Clare County Council noting his contribution to the LCDC.
- **Notice of Motion** from Cllr. Donna McGettigan to be considered. The notice of motion to explore the Model of Community Wealth Building was fully supported by the LCDC members with a view to the LCDC hosting an information session and inviting expertise on the subject to present. It was recommended that the event be offered to a wider audience / network. Proposed by Cllr. C. Murphy and seconded by N. O’Callaghan.
- **LECP update** from DRCD given by B. Haugh.

The outcomes from submissions and consultations with numerous stakeholders are being compiled. Returns have also been received from numerous Government Departments identifying the main strategy/policy frameworks under each Departments remit that should be reflected in the new LECP and in turn will be outlined in the LECP guidelines. The Advisory Group continues to meet on a regular basis with the aim of the guidelines being available by the end of Q2. While the references to the requirements under the legislation will not change there may be some changes to the approach for the development of the LECP and in this context the guidelines for the new round of LECPs may be different from the current LECP guidelines.

- **LECP recommendations from members:**
  - LECP should be more concise and simplified.
  - Actions should be up-front and more visible in the document.
  - Appendix to list other plans, policies and strategies.
  - More of a high level strategic focus required rather than many actions.
  - Focus more on gaps/opportunities for the LCDC rather than listing work already being carried out by other agencies / organisations.
  - Consider a working document for actions to complement a higher level LECP.

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TOPIC 6: NEXT MEETING DATE

**Issue:** Schedule of next meeting date.

**Action:** The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 28th of July at 11am**, online via zoom.

**Responsibility:** Chief Officer and Deirdre Power

**Deadline:** N/A



**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LCDC Chairperson: Mr. Paul Patton**



**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LCDC Chief Officer: Ms Bernadette Haugh**