

**Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting held on Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 3.00pm remotely via
ZOOM**

In Attendance:

Mr. Paul Patton
Cllr. Gerry Flynn
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Mr. Padraic McElwee
Ms. Colette Bradley
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan
Ms. Cornelia Wahli
Mr. Brian McManus
Ms. Bernie Haugh
Ms. Deirdre Power
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

Organization:

Education & Training Board (Chairperson)
Elected Member (Vice- Chairperson)
Community & Voluntary Interests
Social Inclusion Interests
Head of Enterprise
PPN Representative
Community & Voluntary Interests
Environmental Interests
Youth Service
Chief Officer
Rural Development
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Apologies Received

Mr. Pat Dowling	Chief Executive
Cllr. Bill Chambers	Elected Member
Ms. Mary Moloney	Dept. of Social Protection
Cllr. Cillian Murphy	Elected Member
Ms. Margaret O'Brien	Ennis Chamber
Mr. Maurice Harvey	Age Friendly Alliance Board
Cllr. Johnny Flynn	Elected member
Ms. Dóirín Graham	Clare Local Development Company
Mr. Thomas Lane	Agriculture Sector
Ms. Bedelia Collins	HSE

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: Consideration of minutes from meeting held on 06th October 2021

Action: No issues arising.

Proposed by Dermot Hayes, Seconded by Colette Bradley

Responsibility: N/A

TOPIC 2: COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

Issue: D. Power outlined the new funding scheme that the Department has recently launched. The Community Activities fund which a once-off fund is allocated under the Department's Community Enhancement Programme. This fund is being provided by the Government to support community and voluntary groups impacted by Covid-19. Funding will be targeted to where it is needed in each Local Authority area it will be administered locally by the Local Community Development Committees (LCDCs).

Total funding amount is €278,000.00. 30% of the funding is to be allocated to projects under €1,000. 60% of the funding is to cover running costs and the remaining 40% for capital projects. It is intended that the Community Activities fund can be launched before year end with a closing date in early February.

Members have requested more information about the Pobal based Deprivation Index which identify areas of disadvantage.

Actions:

- Funding Sub- Committee to meet in the coming week to look at Guidelines and target Groups for the new Community Activities Fund.
- An information session regarding Pobal Deprivation Scores be organised for the LCDC in 2022

Responsibility:

- Funding Sub-committee
- Chief Officer

TOPIC 3: SICAP

Issue: An update on SICAP was given to members. The Chair advised members that the SICAP Annual Plan for 2022 has been prepared by CLDC. The Department have indicated that there will be a 10% increase in budget for 2022. We are awaiting confirmation of this, and the Department are to issue a revised timeline for the full submission of the Annual Plan. Once clarification has been received the Sub Committee will meet to approve with CLDC.

Members were also informed that a JumpAGrade Programme has been proposed by the LCDC they are required under the SICAP financial controls to approve any spend from the 2021 budget be assigned to 2022 activities. CLDC have proposed to commence the jump a Grade Programme which will run from now until May 2022 and would like the LCDC to approve this payment of €4,375.

The item was agreed by members and will be noted in again at SICAP sub-committee and next LCDC for formal approval.

Actions: SICP Sub-committee to meet with CLDC to discuss the Annual Plan for 2022

Responsibility: SICAP Sub-committee

TOPIC 4: LECP UPDATE

Issue: B. Haugh informed members that the government has recently launched the new guidelines for the Local Economic and Community Plan. The new approach to the process will ensure that LECPs are more agile and allow for emerging needs.

No timeline issued yet by the Department. There will be a briefing on December 9th after which will provide more information. LCDC are advised to attend this meeting

Actions: Members who wish to attend to confirm with D. Power.

Responsibility: D. Power

TOPIC 5: AOB

Issue: Letter from K. Fennessy, Healthy Clare Co-ordinator was read out in relation to the extension of the Healthy Ireland Strategy. Strategy to be extended by 1 year in correlation to the new LECP.

Actions: Agreed by members in attendance. To be noted in minutes for formal approval at next meeting.

Responsibility: n/a

Noted Citizens info bureau

CE SCHEME

Pobal Deprivation Index

TOPIC 6: NEXT MEETING DATE

Issue: Schedule for next year's meeting to be forwarded as soon as the SICAP schedule is issued by the Department. Members have requested that meetings occur at 11am going forward.

Action: 2022 schedule of meetings to issue.

Responsibility: D. Power, A. O'Loughlin

Chief Officer: Bernadette Haugh

Bernie Haugh

Chairperson: P. Patton

Paul Patton