

**Minutes of
Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC)
meeting held on
11th May 2022 at 11am
[remotely via ZOOM]**

In Attendance

Cllr. Gerry Flynn
Cllr. Johnny Flynn
Mr. Thomas Lane
Cllr. Cillian Murphy
Cllr. Bill Chambers
Ms. Hilary Tonge
Ms. Niamh O'Callaghan
Ms. Colette Bradley
Ms. Bedelia Collins
Mr. Maurice Harvey
Ms. Dóirín Graham
Mr. Dermot Hayes
Mr. Pdraig MacCormaic
Ms. Margaret Ryan
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

Apologies received

Mr. Paul Patton
Ms. Bernie Haugh
Ms. Mary Moloney
Mr. Pdraic McElwee
Ms. Cornelia Wahli
Mr. Brian McManus
Ms. Sheila Lynch
Mr. Pat Dowling

Organisation

Vice Chairman
Elected member
Agriculture Sector
Elected Member
Elected Member
Community & Voluntary Interests
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PPN Representative
HSE
Age Friendly Alliance Board
Clare Local Development Company
Social Inclusion Interests
Rural Development
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Chairperson - Education & Training Board
Chief Officer
Dept. of Social Protection
Head of Enterprise
Environmental Interests
Clare Youth Service
Ennis Chamber
Chief Executive

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: Minute Approval from LCDC Meeting held on March 30th 2022
Proposed: Dermot Hayes
Seconded: Cillian Murphy

Matters Arising

Padraig asked that all remaining Code of Conduct and Declaration Form be returned, and we will circulate reissued standing orders.

TOPIC 2: SICAP:

Issue: **Doirin Graham gave a Brief update on the targets and issues affecting SICAP**

Feedback from presentation:

Niamh O' Callaghan feels that a two-tier system is happening with people in Direct Provision been overlooked. She also referenced the Dietary needs of Ukrainians in Hotels in Shannon which may need to be addressed. Cillian Murphy noted the terms of contract with hotels may differ from one hotel to another and as a result not all Hotels are providing Food. As a result, some Ukrainians are having to travel to another Hotel for their meals.

Doirin Graham is aware there has been a shifting of focus to the Ukrainian crisis and her staff have to balance this against their existing supports to Direct Provision services. She advised the members that she will get updates on current situation. She also made a suggestion that an email be sent to Mr Joe Saunders of ILDN (Irish Local Development Network) regarding dietary requirement for the Ukrainians. Doirin is to Follow up.

Dermot has a query on Funding and how it was spent, Doirin advised that 5k received from the LCDC and has been spend on the Ukrainian Crisis and stated that more Flexible Funding arrangements are needed to cover the cost of increasing hours for some staff.

Doirin addressed an issue that CLDC are not mentioned on the Clare County Council website and their supports also not mentioned. Padraig Mac Cormaic advised that he work with the CLDC to update website.

Actions:

- CLDC to make contact with the ILDN
- Padraig to work with CLDC to update Ukrainian page on CCC website

Responsibility: Dairin Graham & Padraig MacCormaic

TOPIC 3: Local Economic Community Plan

Issue: Padraig MacCormaic gave an Update

Padraig advised the members that they are currently working on putting an Advisory Steering committee in place in accordance with the guidelines.

Johnny Flynn requested that Padraig's presentation be circulated and fully supports to wait for census data and Clare study as they will be important for report.



LECP Presentation
MAy 2022.pptx

Actions: Presentation to be forwarded to LCDC Members

Responsibility: Anita O Loughlin

TOPIC 4: Community Response Forum

Issue: Padraig MacCormaic gave an Update

Niamh O Callaghan feels we need to capture the number of people in private accommodation or staying in homes so they can access the support that they require. Also, we need to be aware that a few Ukrainians are looking to return home to a safer area in Ukraine.

Clr. Cillian Murphy noted that the Hotel contracts need to be addressed with IPAS to enquire what are the basics that should be provided under these contracts.

Padraig advised Niamh that data will be easier to access once the Government payment go to households and advised that not everyone is in need of support.



Community
Resposne Forum Pre

Action: Raise issue nationally about contract requirements
Responsibility: Padraig Mac Cormaic

TOPIC 5: Membership Update

Padraig referenced the requirement for Colette Bradley replacement which would be actioned through Clare PPN in due course

TOPIC 6: LCDC Annual Report 2021

Issue: This was proposed and seconded and approved by the LCDC Members

Actions: To link with Doirin Graham and Cllr. Johnny Flynn to address minor edits

Responsibility: Padraig MacCormaic

Proposed: Maurice Harvey

Seconded: Cllr. Bill Chambers

TOPIC 7: Enhanced Engagement with Marginalised Groups

Issue: Pádraig outlined Dormant Funds A/C – pilot project on Enhanced Engagement with Marginalised Groups

Dermot Hayes mentioned that charity model in Ireland is successful which includes fuel vouchers. Food banks etc. raised the question of how this is quantified.

Johnny Flynn commented that the pilot is a good approach to Human Rights and an area-based approach is needed as there are pockets of serious disadvantage in urban areas.

Dorin Graham advised that targets are a perennial issue and that pockets of disadvantage were recognised, particularly in rural areas and as it is quite spread out geographically, maps do not fully reflect disadvantage areas, and this has been raised with Pobal. She believes an area focus is not the best way forward.

Collette Bradley expressed concerns at the closure of Shannon town hall that it was another service that is not accessible. Gerry Flynn confirmed that works are currently being carried out in the premises.

Johnny Flynn mentioned the issue of older people living alone with little or no IT skills and the fact public offices are not open after 1pm. Maurice Harvey agreed and acknowledged the efficiency of Local Authorities when they ran this service. There is no walk-in-service at the NDLA and the fact that it is not Age Friendly.



Engagement with
Marginalised Group

TOPIC 8: AOB


Issue: NONE

Next Meeting: Wednesday 26th October 2022 at 11am

Signed:

LCDC

Chairman:


Cllr. Gerry Flynn

Signed:

**LCDC Chief
Officer:**


Padraig MacCormaic

