

**Minutes of
Clare Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) In -Person meeting held on
22ND May 2024 at 11.00am**

In Attendance

Organisation

Ms. Bernie Haugh	Chief Officer
Cllr. Gerry Flynn	Elected Member (Chair)
Mr. Paul Patton	LCETB (Vice Chair)
Mr. Maurice Harvey	Age Friendly Alliance Board
Cllr. Rita McInerney	Elected Member
Cllr. Cillian Murphy	Elected Member
Cllr. Johnny Flynn	Elected Member
Ms. Bedelia Collins	HSE
Ms. Sheila Lynch	Ennis Chamber
Ms. Doírín Graham	Clare Local Development Company
Ms. Tracey Lynch	Community and Voluntary Representation PPN
Ms. Bernie O’Gorman	Community and Voluntary Representation PPN
Ms. Theresa O’Donoghue	Environmental Interest Representation PPN

Rural Staff Support

Mr. Ms. Catherine O’Hara	Rural Development
Ms. Anita O’Loughlin	Rural Development
Mr. Frank Cullinan	Rural Development

Apologies Received

Ms. Anne Haugh	Director of Services
Serg. Catriona Holohan	Garda Siochana
Mr. Dermot Hayes	Social Inclusion Interests
Ms. Bridgie Casey	Social Inclusion Clare PPN
Mr. Brian Mc Manus	Clare Youth Service
Mr. Pdraic McElwee	Head of Enterprise

Guests

Brendan Boyce	Integration Officer Clare County Council
Pdraig Mc Mahon	Integration Team
Margaret Mc Inerney	Integration Team
Fiona Cahill	Integration Team
Agnes O’Shaughnessy	CLDC
John O’Neill, Consultant	

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: Chair Cllr. Gerry Flynn welcomed members and guest speakers to the May LCDC meeting including Bernie O’Gorman & Tracey Lynch who have replaced Hillary Tonge and Eddie O’ Gorman representing Clare PPN. He also advised members that the committee is awaiting the Irish Farmers Associations nomination to replace Thomas Lane. He reminded members that the code of conduct declaration needs to be completed and signed by all members.

In the context of the Local Elections in June, the Chief Officer acknowledged the contribution of Councillor Cillian Murphy who has been a member of the LCDC since 2019 and also acknowledged Councilor Rita Mc Inerney for her commitment since being co -opted on the committee and wished both well in the forthcoming elections. The Chief Officer thanked the Chair Cllr G Flynn for all his contributions to the committee since 2019 and wished him well on his retirement. Vice Chair, Paul Patton echoed those sentiments.

Approval of Minutes from LCDC Meeting 10th April 2024

- No matters arising

Proposed: Mr. Paul Patton

Seconded: Councillor Cillian Murphy

TOPIC 2: INTRODUCTION TO CLARE CO COUNCIL INTEGRATION TEAM

Issue: Brendan Boyce, Integration Officer and his team (Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) gave a presentation detailing what the role and function of the Clare County Council Integration Team. He also confirmed that the Team is tasked with the development of a Migrant Strategy for the county which will include consultation with the LCDC

Action: Integration Team will add value in terms of collaboration with other stakeholders and in raising awareness. A directory of services is to be completed – online - for everyone accessing services in the community including new arrivals into Clare. Members requested that public consultation on the development of the Migrant Strategy would include all LCDC partners. The potential for overlap between SICAP and the Integration Team was noted however it was acknowledged that both teams will work together to minimise duplication and add value to both initiatives.

Responsibility: Integration Team

Deadline: Ongoing

TOPIC 3: UPDATE ON CLARE SPORTS PLAN – JOHN O’NEILL CONSULTANT & B BOYCE INTEGRATION TEAM

- Issue:** Brendan Boyce and the Consultant John O’Neill presented jointly on the Clare Sports Plan; a collaborative project between Clare Co Council and Clare Sports Partnership. Clare is one of the 4 pilot locations nationally alongside Cavan, Carlow & Laois to be selected for development of the plan.
- Action:** A survey is currently being undertaken in conjunction with consultation specific target groups 29-31/5/2024. A draft plan will be available to the SPC, LCDC and the Board of Clare Sports Partnership following public consultation in May/ June with sign off in September 2024. It was also noted that an Outdoor Recreation Plan is also being developed and that both plans should complement each other.
- Responsibility:** HSE willing to engage on the plan as recreation & sports investment could serve as non-medical interventions with very positive outcomes and successes. B Collins to liaise with the team in relation to this.
- Deadline:** Brendan Boyce to update the LCDC in September on the draft document.

TOPIC 4: SICAP Update

- Issue:** Frank Cullinan briefed the members on the up-to-date position with SICAP.
- Action:** The contract for the new SICAP Programme with CLDC included a provision for local priority target groups to be identified and percentage targets to be implemented. Each LCDC has the option to nominate three priority target groups. The priority target group for Clare would be “People living in households that are jobless or in low paid and or precarious employment” LCDC support staff met with the programme implementors Clare Local Development Company to discuss the milestone percentage targets.
- Responsibility:** It was agreed that that the 2026 milestone target would be 16% and 2028 target would be 18% of KPI 2 Individuals who fall into the priority target group. Pobal was advised that consensus had been reached with CLDC on the targets for the selected Priority target group. Pobal have reviewed same and have approved the target percentages and we are now seeking the LCDC’s approval for same.
- Proposed:** Councillor Cillian Murphy
- Seconded:** Mr. Paul Patton

TOPIC 5: CLDC Presentation -LEADER update

Issue:	Agnes O’Shaughnessy CLDC gave a presentation to members on the current LEADER programme 23-27.
Action:	Members queried how LEADER will integrate with the LECP as this is a key theme in the current LEADER programme and what role will the LCDC play in the current programme. CLDC advised that collaboration and consultation with other organisations has been included into their LEADER plan. CLDC has met with representatives of the LCDC to ensure integration of work of LEADER with the LECP. LCDC Members also queried if CLDC could look at mapping the 10 actions with the LECP which CLDC advised had been done. Copy of correspondence to be circulated to members after the meeting.
Responsibility	LCDC support staff

TOPIC 6: LECP Update

Issue:	Chief Officer, Bernadette Haugh briefed the members as follows: - LECP to be launched either in July or September – date to be confirmed once ministerial visit details are available. -Advised members that the LECP Advisory Steering group be reconvened to move this forward – this is the group who will oversee the implementation of the LECP Plan. To support the work of the Advisory Steering Group an MOU will need to be signed which will underpin the commitment of the lead agencies to lead out and deliver on the actions as agreed.
Action:	Chief Officer gave a briefing on a proposed communications plan for the LECP and following a discussion it was agreed to accept the proposed draft plan to be finalised by the LECP Advisory Steering Group for implementation Plan and approved at the September meeting
Proposed:	Councillor Cillian Murphy
Seconded:	Mr. Paul Patton

TOPIC 7: AOB

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Update re call out for joint CYPSC/LCDC Local Area Child Poverty Plan Pilot initiative

Members advised that the call out for expressions of interest CYPSC through Tusla – while initially resulting in some interest has not yielded any proposals currently to be put forward for consideration. It is unlikely that the pilot initiative will proceed at this time.

· CRF Update

Chief Officer to provide brief update as agreed at April meeting. Following it's launch on 11th April 2024, over 70 applications were received with an associated value of nearly €10m. This means that the fund is significantly oversubscribed as the Fund available is €2.6m for Clare. The applications and projects are currently being reviewed by an independent assessment panel with a view to bringing proposals to the Working Group for Action Plan for Rural Ireland for consideration on 24.5.2024 so that we can make the Clare submission to the DRCD by 31.5.2024.

Dates in the Diary:

Members of the LCDC had received notifications in relation to the following events which are examples of collaboration across agencies. Chief Officer thanked the members and acknowledged the cooperation and support by all agencies for these initiatives which include:

· **Traveller Pride 2024 – John O Sullivan Park (Lee's Road)**

Friday 24th May 2024 at 4 pm

· **Africa Day Saturday, 25th May 2024 in CBS Primary**

School Ennis at 1-4pm

Public Consultation for Clare Biodiversity Action Plan 2024-2030

· **Volunteer Expo 23.5.2024 Woodstock Hotel 3 pm**

Councillor Gerry Flynn concluded the meeting and expressed his gratitude to the members of the LCDC and support staff for all their help and support and contributions over the years.

TOPIC 8: Next LCDC Meeting

Next Meeting: 04th October 2024

Signed:



LCDC: Chairman:

Mr. Paul Patton (Interim Chair)

Signed:



LCDC Chief Officer:

Ms. Bernadette Haugh