

Minutes of Clare Local Community Development Committee
(LCDC) Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 11.00am
(In Person)
Ennis Digi Hub Quin Road Business Park

In Attendance:

Mr. Joe Killeen
Mr. Paul Patton
Mr. Mary O'Callaghan
Mr. Brian McManus
Ms. Bernie O Gorman
Ms. Sheila Lynch
Ms. Doírin Graham
Ms. Bedelia Collins
Sgt. Catriona Holohan
Ms. Emma Karren
Ms. Leonore O 'Neill
Mr. Dermot Hayes

Organisation:

Elected Member (Chair)
Education & Training Board (Vice Chairperson)
Age Friendly
Youth Service
Community and Voluntary Rep Clare PPN
Business Sector
Clare Local Development Company
HSE
Garda Siochana
Environmental PPN Rep
Economic Development
Social Inclusion Clare PPN

LCDC Support Staff

Ms. Bernadette Haugh
Ms. Catherine O Hara
Mr. Frank Cullinan
Ms. Anita O'Loughlin

Chief Officer LCDC
Rural Development
Rural Development
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Apologies Received

Cllr. Bill Slattery
Mr. Pdraic McElwee
Cllr. Rachel Hartigan
Mr. Stephen Walsh
Ms. Bridgie Casey
Cllr. James Ryan
Ms. Ann Reynolds

Elected Member
Head of Enterprise
Elected Member (Online)
Agriculture Sector (IFA)
Social Inclusion Clare PPN
Elected Member
Rural Development (DOS)

*Quorum reached

TOPIC 1: MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

Issue: The minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2024 are considered for approval. No issues arising.

Action: Proposer by Paul Patton
Seconded by Sheila Lynch

TOPIC 2: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Issue: There are several items that require decisions from the members.

Head of Local Enterprise Office (LEO):

Correspondence was received from Pádraic Mc Elwee in relation to his prescribed role on the LCDC. Chief Officer read out the correspondence confirming that Pádraic McElwee will still retain his current role as Head of Enterprise. However, his capacity to attend regular meetings is likely to be impacted due to the competing demand on his time as he takes up his new position as Interim Chief operation Officer, Ennis 2024 DAC. He has requested that Leonore O Neill would attend meetings as his representative during the period of his temporary assignment to Ennis 2040 DAC subject to the LCDC agreeing to this proposal.

Actions: Proposed: Doírín Graham
Seconded: Sheila Lynch

Older Person's Council (OPC) representative: Following recent elections for the position of Chair of the OPC and subsequent ratification by Clare Co Council at January's council meeting on 13.1.2024, the new Chair of the OPC, Mary O Callaghan replaces Maurice Harvey on the LCDC. The chair took the opportunity on behalf of the committee to acknowledge the support and commitment of both Maurice Harvey and the OPC to the work of the LCDC during his term.

Actions: Proposed: Brian McManus
Seconded: Mary O Callaghan

New Elected Member: Cllr Donna Mc Gettigan: Members were advised that following on from the General Election in November 2024 Clare Co Council has confirmed that Cllr James Ryan replaces the newly elected TD Donna Mc Gettigan on the LCDC and the Advisory Steering Committee.

Changes in Clare Co Council representation on LCDC:

Following retirement of Mr Pat Dowling Chief Executive of Clare Co Council in December 2024, Carmel Kirby has been appointed Interim Chief Executive, replacing Pat Dowling and has nominated Ann Reynolds A/ Director of Services as her nominee on the LCDC.

PPN representation: Following the resignation of Tracy Lynch Clare PPN will shortly be holding elections to fill the vacancy arising of PPN representation from the Community & Voluntary college to the LCDC. Members will also note that PPN representation on the sub committees have been updated with Bernie O Gorman now sitting on the Healthy Clare Working Group and Bridgie Casey sitting on the Advisory Steering Committee.

TOPIC 3: Agency/LCDC Programme Presentation:

Issue: Brendan Boyce gave a presentation on the sports plan, outdoor recreation and migrant position paper and confirmed that the Social Directorate is ensuring that they aligned with the LECP. It was noted that the National Physical Activity Plan 2040 is due to be launched in Q1 2025 and supported with a 5-year implementation plan and the sports plan and outdoor recreation plan will also align with this strategy.

Q&A:

A general discussion ensued

Dermot Hayes queried how many nationalities are based in Ennis, Brendan advised that it is circa 15% of the county population.

Bedelia Collins congratulated Brendan on this presentation and advised him that he could reach out to Marie Boyle in the HSE for possible funding options. Bedelia also drew members attention to every the **“Every move document”** which would be relevant to the strategy.

Doírín Graham advised that having reviewed the position paper, she asked whether the position paper will be the basis of the Strategy and approximate time frame for the completion of the strategy.

Doírín also commented that while there is no decrease in the number of international immigrants, that the profile is changing and therefore posing a different set of challenges.

Brian McManus noted that there is a greater need to consider the complexity of the needs of people currently arriving and to look at planning what's needed and to look at the funding model to ensure supports are in place when dealing with these complexes.

Chief Officer Bernie Haugh noted that similar to the LECP that this needs to be driven nationally recognising the wider social integration complexities.

The Chair Cllr. Joe Killeen acknowledged the work been done by all agencies of the LCDC and courage continued engagement by the migrant communities with agencies in developing support systems.



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Agency/ LCDC Programme Presentations:

Issue: SICAP presented by Monica Meehan & Darina Green

Q&A

A general discussion ensued:

Chair Cllr. Joe Killeen asked what the procedure is for an individual to engage with CLDC/SICAP.

Monica advised that they could contact CLDC, and they will be advised on the best program that they may suit their requirements.

Chair Cllr. Joe asked if they would be available at some point to present to Councilors on what programmes are available such as the Social Farming event, they did in Inagh.

Dermot Hayes enquired how does CLDC measure the impact of their services?

Darina advised Dermot that the impact is assessed on a number of levels, for example on an individual basis people know what outcome/ what they want to achieve when engaging with the services. SICAP team checks in with the individuals every 3 months and provides additional support if required and signposting to other services if required. Education impact can be measured by attendance at schools and participation within the classroom with the school providing feedback (evidence-based progress) reports back to the SICAP team.

Community groups establish what they want to achieve at the start of the year and at the end to access if they have achieved their goals.

Doírín acknowledge that the impact is measured in many different ways but that the KPI reporting for SICAP for projects and funding doesn't necessarily reflect the full impact of the Programme which is linking people to services that are "harder to reach"

Responsibility: LCDC Staff to circulate presentations



SICAP Annual Plan
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TOPIC 4: LCDC PROGRAMMES / FINANCE UPDATE

- Issue: **Grant Update Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)/ Dormant Account Fund – LGBTIQA+**

. Frank gave members an update on the following grant schemes.

- Dormant Account Fund
- LEP (Local Enhancement Programme) 2025
- CLAGS
- SICAP 2025

Following on from the presentation by CLDC of the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan members were advised that the proposed annual plan as presented and provided by CLDC meets all the parameters as set out by Pobal. The members are asked to endorse the proposed Plan so that it can be submitted to Pobal for review

Chief Officer advised members that the Healthy Ireland Micro Fund will be launched shortly, and it is proposed that the Healthy Clare Coordinator would update the LCDC in relation to both the Micro Fund and other Healthy Clare initiatives at the February meeting.

The Chief Officer also asked Bedelia from the HSE as an agency to present at Februarys meeting on the LECP actions. All agreed on the above proposal.

Responsibility: LCDC Staff to circulate information on the LEP and CLAGS funding schemes

TOPIC 5: LECP ADVISORY STEERING GROUP UPDATE

Issue: Update - Reporting platform LECP 2024-2030

Catherine updated members in relation to the MOU and the Reporting platform. The MOU is to be signed by lead agencies in the next few weeks. She also requested that agencies submit their base line data if not already done so.

Catherine also requested that agencies send in their nominees for the reporting platform so they can be set up

TOPIC 6: NEXT MEETING DATE

The next LCDC meeting will be held in person on 19th February 2025 at 11am.

Signed:

LCDC Chairman


Mr. Joe Killeen

Signed:


LCDC Chief Officer: Ms. Bernadett Haugh