

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 19th May, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom.**

Present:

Public Sector: Sinead Carr (Chief Executive) (TCC), Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE), Colin Cummins (TETB), Stephanie O'Callaghan (CYPSC), Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC),

Private Sector: Elaine Baker (PPN), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar), Isabel Cambie (STDC), Meadhbh Gordon (PNN), Mike Edwards (PPN)

Apologies: Katie Frazer (Teagasc), Michael Murray (NTDC), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Michael Geary (Comm. & Voluntary Pillar), Derry O Donnell (PPN), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Fiona Crotty (TCC)

In Attendance: Brian Beck (Director of Services) (TCC), Sheevaun Thompson (TCC), Cora Morrissey (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Mary McLoughney (TCC), Eoin Kaar (TCC), Catriona Crowe (TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC),

	<p><u>Pre-Meeting Requirements and Conflict of Interest</u></p> <p>1. Quorum The Quorum was reached.</p> <p>2. Conflict of Interest None</p> <p>3. Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions None</p> <p>4. Ethics Documents Reminder to return Ethics Documents if not already returned.</p>
1.	<p><u>Approval of Draft Agenda</u> The Draft Agenda was agreed</p>
2.	<p><u>Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 22nd April, 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 22nd April, 2025 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Derval Howley and seconded by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner).</p>
3.	<p><u>LEADER 2023-2027</u></p> <p>3.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision) There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC</p>

3.2 STDC CEO Report (Decision)

There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC

3.3 Budget Report (no change but decision required)

Sheevaun advised the members that as there were no projects the Income and Expenditure Budget remains the same. Approval of the Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was proposed by Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner) and seconded by Mike Edwards.

3.4 LEADER Targeted Call 2024 – update

Isabel Cambie informed the members that they are working through the projects and hope to have an update at the June meeting.

3.5 LEADER Targeted Call 2025 – update

Isabel Cambie advised that the LEADER Targeted Call 2025 will come under Theme 1, Green Economy with a budget of €377,300.

3.6 Policy on LEADER Applications from Religious Institutions (Decision)

Sheevaun Thompson advised the members that the LCDC Sustainable Communities Subgroup met on the 7th May to draft a policy which would preclude religious institutions from directly applying for LEADER funding. It was agreed that if an application for LEADER funding is associated with a religious institution or facility, the application should be made from the community rather than the religious institute e.g. the religious facility is leased to a community group and the community group apply for the funding. This ensures the ethos of the Community-Led Local Development approach is maintained and the funding is inclusive of the wider community. Approval of the policy was proposed by Cllr. Marie Murphy and seconded by Meadhbh Gordon.

LCDC Sustainable Communities Meeting 07/05/2025 - Update

4. Cora updated the members on the Sustainable Communities Meeting. It was the second meeting held this year and the following was discussed:

There were some minor amendments made to the Terms of Reference and it was agreed to change reference from "Rural Development Programme" to "LEADER Programme".

Greening your LEADER Project Guide document was prepared by Elaine Baker and condensed by Valerie Kavanagh and it was agreed that the document will be circulated when finalised.

A discussion also took place on LEADER Targeted Call 2025.

Smart Villages Update

5. Isabel Cambie updated the members on Smart Villages and informed them that Emly, Fethard and Glengoole have commenced the first phase of the project and had met with trainers.

Quality of Life

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6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023/2025 - Update

Eoin Kaar updated the members on the Healthy Ireland Fund and informed them that approval has been received from Pobal in relation to the Healthy Ireland 2024 expenditure report and salary report and the budget for 2025 activities has been approved with delivery partner SLA's to follow. He also

advised that they are working to launch the Cultural Companions Tipperary initiative.

6.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel

Catriona Crowe updated the members on Healthy Communities and advised that the 31st May, 2025 is the deadline for the return of all 2024 seed funded projects compliance documents and the 30th June, 2025 is the deadline for new 2025 seed fund applications using online Submit forms. She informed the members that County Tipperary Chamber have been shortlisted for Chambers Ireland Awards under Local Authority Engagement – County Tipperary Chamber – Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance use. She updated the members on the dates for the Substance Use Community Conversation Cohort meetings which will take place shortly. John Leahy HSE, Sarah Cassidy Ais Air and Sgt. Graham Deegan, An Garda Siochana are working on a Drugs Education Programme for Clonmel Secondary Schools and further education centres with a view to rolling out in 2025/2026 academic year. The VR environment is ready to be rolled out to both Circle of Friends and CARE in Clonmel. This is scheduled for end of May starting May 22nd. The Slaintecare funding will pay for VR headsets for both cancer support centres and training (workshops and materials) as well as ongoing support for staff.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Catriona Crowe updated the members re: Tipperary Age Friendly. The National Age Friendly Convention took place in Tallaght on 8th and 9th May. Three Older Peoples Council Executive Members and two LCDC staff attended same. Events included Active Ageing Exercise Class with Active South Dublin, Pearse Museum Tour, Brú Chrónáin – The Round Tower Visitor Centre, 'Our Rural Future' Policy workshop, Walkability Audit at Tallaght Stadium, Walking Tour of Tallaght and Age Friendly Housing Tour at The Weir.

Planning is underway for the annual Tipperary Age Friendly EXPO which takes place in TUS Campus Thurles on Wednesday 18th June from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

6.4 Planet Youth

Stephanie O' Callaghan updated the members on Planet Youth. Marian Daly, Tipperary Planet Youth Coordinator is meeting with each of the participating schools providing their confidential school report. In the schools she is meeting with the school principal, PY coordinator and wider health and wellbeing team where possible.

6.5 Engage in Energy

Stephanie O' Callaghan updated the members on Engage in Energy. There are 20 Household Audits completed in Tipperary Town and 10 will be completed in Roscrea before the end of May. Household Audits will recommence in September and also commence in Carrick-on-Suir in September 2025.

TUS will conduct a mid-term review of the data received to date, to ensure maximising the data profiling tool developed.

All 4 of the CYSPC/LCDC National Pilots are also being evaluated by UL.

7.	<p>Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee</p> <p>Stephanie O' Callaghan updated the members on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee.</p>
8.	<p><u>Funding Updates</u></p> <p>8.1 2025 Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p> <p>Mary McLoughney updated the members on 2025 Town & Village Renewal Scheme.</p> <p>Closing date for EOI is the 30th of May.</p> <p>Under main scheme 4 applications can be submitted, 3 to the value of up to €300k and one to the value of €500K.</p> <p>Two PDM can be submitted also up to the value of €50k</p> <p>8.2 2025 CLAR Measure 1 Scheme – Developing Community Facilities and Amenities</p> <p>Mary McLoughney updated the members on the CLAR Measure 1 Scheme.</p> <p>CLAR Measure 1 closed for EOI on May 14th 2025.</p> <p>34 applications were received.</p> <p>There will be 15 chosen after evaluation on May 21st.</p> <p>Of these, 2 can be to the value of €100k and 13 up to the value €65,000.</p>
9.	<p><u>Restructuring of HSE</u></p> <p>9.1 Presentation by Derval Howley, HSE</p> <p>Derval Howley, HSE gave a presentation to the members re the restructuring of the HSE to date. A copy of the presentation has been forwarded to all members and Derval will further update the members at the October LCDC meeting.</p>
10.	<p>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultation</p> <p>None</p>
11.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Maedhbh Gordon informed the members that Silverarch had successfully secured funding for the Safe Food Initiative for the next 4 years.</p>
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 16th June 2025 in person (Location TBC)</p>

Signed:  **Date:** _____
Cllr. John Carroll
Chair,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Signed:  **Date:** 20.6.2025
Brian Beck
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee