

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Tuesday 22nd April, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom.**

Present:

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

Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Derry O Donnell (PPN), Elaine Baker (PPN), Isabel Cambie (STDC), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Mike Geary (TUS)

Apologies: Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC); Mike Edwards, Vice Chair (PPN), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar), Meadhbh Gordon (PPN), Valerie Kavanagh (TCC)

In Attendance: Brian Beck (Director of Services) (TCC), Sheevaun Thompson (TCC), C  ra Morrissey Morrissey (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Mary McLoughney (TCC), Eoin Kaar (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 Michael Murray declared a conflict of interest in the Bournea Parish Development Association LEADER project. John O Shaughnessy declared a conflict of interest in the Loughtagalla Park and Residents Association project.</p> <p>3. Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written Decisions As there was more Public membership at the meeting, five of the Public membership were asked to step away from the decision-making process to ensure balance as required in favour of the Private.</p> <p>Ethics Documents Reminder to return the 2025 Ethics Documents.</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 24th March, 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)</u> The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 24th March, 2025 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Sinead Carr and seconded by Derval Howley.</p>

3.

SICAP Quarterly Report to the LCDC

The SICAP Quarterly Report was deferred until the June LCDC Meeting.

4.

LEADER 2023-2027

4.1 Expressions of Interest to hand

Fiona Crotty updated the members on the Expressions of Interest to hand.

4.2 Budget Amendment to NTDC/STDC 45/55 Divide

Michael Murray updated the members on the Budget amendment to NTDC/STDC 45/55/ Divide. Sheevaun Thompson asked that going forward, as a matter of courtesy any changes to the Budget be notified to the LCDC before the changes are made. This was agreed.

4.3 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)

Michael Murray outlined the details of the following NTDC projects to the members:

Bournea Parish Development Association

Project Code:	IE30NTP102110
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Bournea Parish Development Association
Description:	The proposed project is an extension to the existing community facility in a rural area to provide additional multi-purpose spaces for events, training programmes and support services. It will improve accessibility and ensure inclusivity for all users. This project will create a modern, accessible hub to promote social inclusion, education and well-being in this rural community
Theme:	Rural infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Town & Village Regeneration
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	The project will not proceed without funding at present.
• Displacement:	No, the nearest facilities are in Roscrea and Templemore Towns
• Innovation	This community centre will alleviate social isolation with inclusive programmes and promote sustainability through energyefficient design. The facility will act as a hub for social, cultural and educational

		activities, enhancing community well-being and development
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	The procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed, with the lowest price selected for each element.
	In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	This is not an in-house project.
	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€108,203.00
	Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
	Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
	Rational for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	
	Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The promoter is a community organisation, the community centre development is for increased usage and inclusivity
	% level of aid & ceiling:	74.6228%
	Proposed by:	John O Shaughnessy
	Seconded by:	Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)
	Absenters:	Yes
	Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
	<p>Michael Murray declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed himself from the decision-making process.</p>	

Loughtagall Park and Residents Association

Project Code:	IE30NTP102109
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Loughtagalla Park and Residents Association
Description:	This funding application focuses on Phase 2 of the redevelopment of Loughtagalla Biodiversity Park, specifically the construction of a 16-space car park, including two accessible parking spaces. This car park is a critical component of the parks ongoing transformation, designed to enhance accessibility for all visitors and ensure safe, convenient parking for the growing number of families and individuals who use the park.
Theme:	Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Rural Infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	The project will not proceed without funding at present.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	The only other public park in Thurles, located on Cathedral Street offers amenities such as skateboarding that differ from the facilities at Loughtagalla Biodiversity Play Park. The car park in Phase 2 supports the unique features of Loughtagalla, including biodiversity-focused design and sensory garden, which cater specifically to individuals with health conditions like autism, wheelchair users, and the visually impaired. These distinct offerings ensure the park complements rather than competes with existing state-run facilities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	Sustainable infrastructure, enhanced accessibility and inclusivity and integration with biodiversity goals.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	The procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed, with the lowest price selected for each element.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the	

project more cost effectively?	
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€114,864.75
Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rational for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The promoter is a community organisation, the car park is for increased usage and inclusivity.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75%
Proposed by:	Stephanie O Callaghan
Seconded by:	Katie Frazer
Absenters:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

John O Shaughnessy declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed himself from the decision-making process.

Castleiney Development Association CLG

Project Code:	IE30NTP102128
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Castleiney Development Association CLG
Description:	Castleiney Ball Alley Rejuvenation Works – the works include resurfacing of the floor, construction of a concrete stub-wall to the rear, installation of a glass wall to the rear and reinstatement of the netting to the existing structure. The completed works will allow for all community members and groups to have a recreational activity with a competitive edge. Castleiney Ball Alley is a protected structure and full planning permission approval for the works with appropriate attached conditions has been granted by Tipperary County Council.
Theme:	Rural infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Rural Youth
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	The project will not proceed without funding at present.
• Displacement:	No adjoining parish has a ball alley standing, the closest alley to Castleiney was demolished about 15 years ago
• Innovation	When renovated this Ball Alley will be the only usable Alley in Castleiney and adjoining parishes. It will stimulate the local area by means of inclusion, a social outlet for all ages providing an aerobic and fun paddle/handball exercise within the community and help to maintain or improve fitness and mobility.
• Reasonableness of costs:	The procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed, with the lowest price selected for each element.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	

	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€44,598.38
	Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
	Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
	Rational for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	When renovated this Ball Alley will be the only usable Alley in Castleiney and adjoining parishes. It will stimulate the local area by means of inclusion, a social outlet for all ages providing an aerobic and fun paddle/handball exercise within the community and help to maintain or improve fitness and mobility.
	Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The promoter is a community organisation, the community ball alley development is for increased multi-age exercise and further inclusivity in the area.
	% level of aid & ceiling:	75%
	Proposed by:	Derval Howley
	Seconded by:	Derry O Donnell
	Absenters:	Yes
	Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
	<p>Derval Howley asked if the facility is fully accessible to all, i.e. travellers, Youth Groups etc. It was confirmed that it was a condition of the grant that the Ball Alley was open to all.</p>	

Cloughjordan Football Club

Project Code:	IE30NTP102299
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Cloughjordan Football Club
Description:	A new LED lighting system will be installed along the community walking track to enhance safety and usability, particularly during early mornings and evenings. It will also extend the tracks usability to 12 months of the year. The installation will involve the laying of ducting, construction of bases and mounting of LED lighting fixtures. This modern system will provide consistent, energy-efficient illumination while significantly reducing energy consumption and costs. The lighting installation includes associated civil works
Theme:	Rural infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Accessible Services
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	The project will not proceed without funding at present
• Displacement:	There is no familiar facility within the village of Cloughjordan, there are a couple within a 10- mile radius of Cloughjordan, including Moneygall, Co. Offaly, Nenagh Co Tipperary and Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary, therefore they will not be displacing any of these facilities, as the core objective is to provide a local, safe exercise outlet.
• Innovation	A new LED lighting system will be installed along the community walking track to enhance safety and usability, particularly during early mornings and evenings
• Reasonableness of costs:	The procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed, with the lowest price selected for each element.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	

	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€58,557.48
	Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
	Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
	Rational for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	Enhancing the facilities of Cloughjordan Football Club - The project focuses on 4 key components: solar panel installation, LED lighting installation, pumping station installation and pedestrian entrance.
	Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	The promoter is a community/sports organisation, the walking track will provide a springboard for additional social capital by broadening the appeal of the facility to a wider non-sporting portion of the community.
	% level of aid & ceiling:	75%
	Proposed by:	John O Shaughnessy
	Seconded by:	Stephanie O Callaghan
	Absenters:	Yes
	Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Cloughjordan Football Club

Project Code:	IE30NTP102300
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Cloughjordan Football Club
Description:	The Cloughjordan Football Club project aims to enhance their facilities through innovative, eco-friendly initiatives that will reduce environmental impact, lower operational costs and promote community engagement in sustainability. The project focuses on the installation of Solar panels on the dressing room roof by a qualified renewable energy contractor. These panels will generate approximately 30% of the club's energy needs, significantly reducing reliance on nonrenewable energy sources. The generated energy will power the entire community track, entrance way and carpark, creating long-term operational savings
Theme:	Rural infrastructure and Social Inclusion
Sub Theme:	Accessible Services
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	The project will not proceed without funding at present.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	There is no familiar facility within the village of Cloughjordan, there are a couple within a 10- mile radius of Cloughjordan, including Moneygall, Co. Offaly, Nenagh Co Tipperary and Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary, therefore they will not be displacing any of these facilities, as the core objective is to provide a local, safe exercise outlet.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	This project will enhance the Cloughjordan Football facility through innovative, ecofriendly initiatives that reduce environmental impact, lower operational costs and promote community engagement in sustainability
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	The procurement rules as per the RDP OR 16.3 were followed, with the lowest price selected for each element
In house projects: are there other providers	This is not an in-house project.

that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€10,987.50
Rationale of Evaluation Committee recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rational for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	These panels will generate approximately 30% of the club's energy needs, significantly reducing reliance on nonrenewable energy sources. The generated energy will power the entire community track, entrance way and carpark, creating long-term operational savings
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project	Enhancing the facilities of Cloughjordan Football Club - The project focuses on 4 key components: solar panel installation, LED lighting installation, pumping station installation and pedestrian entrance.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75%
Proposed by:	John O Shaughnessy
Seconded by:	Mike Geary
Absenters:	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

4.4 STDC CEO Report (Decision)

There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC. Isabel Cambie updated the members on the CEO Report.

Approval of the CEO Report Update – LEADER Projects was proposed by John O Shaughnessy and seconded by Mike Geary

5.	<p>4.5 Budget Report (Decision) Fiona Crotty presented the Income and Expenditure Budget Report. Approval of the Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was proposed by Derry O Donnell and seconded by John O Shaughnessy.</p> <p>4.6 LEADER Targeted Call 2024 - Update Isabel Cambie advised the members that the closing date for the Environmental Theme Targeted Call applications was 31st March 2025. A total of 80 applications were received, 24 were ineligible, 53 were invited to full application stage, 17 applicants did not proceed to full application. 30 attended the webinar and by the closing date the number of applicants proceeding was reduced to 14 (12 South Tipp and 2 North Tipp), however one application in South Tipperary was deemed ineligible leaving a total of 13. The sum of €300,000 has been allocated to the Targeted Call.</p> <p>4.7 Ineligible Expressions of Interest Fiona Crotty updated the members on the Ineligible Expressions of Interest for noting only.</p> <p>Smart Villages Update Isabel Cambie updated the members on Smart Villages and informed them that Emly, Fethard and Glengoose has commenced the first phase of the project.</p>								
6.	<p>Quality of Life</p> <p>6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025 Fiona Crotty updated the members on Healthy Ireland and advised that Mental Health Week would take place in October 2025.</p> <p>6.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel Fiona Crotty updated the members on Healthy Communities Clonmel.</p> <p><u>Substance Use Community Conversations</u></p> <p>The Substance Use Community Conversation Cohort meetings will take place on the following dates:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lived Experience</td> <td>29th April</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parents Cohort</td> <td>6th & 7th May</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clubs & Groups</td> <td>May – Date TBC</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Businesses & Hospitality</td> <td>May – Date TBC</td> </tr> </table> <p>The LDO presented on Substance Use Community Conversations at the Clonmel BD Community Safety meeting on the 11th April</p> <p>Online substance use support service directory will be launched in May 2025</p>	Lived Experience	29 th April	Parents Cohort	6 th & 7 th May	Clubs & Groups	May – Date TBC	Businesses & Hospitality	May – Date TBC
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Playful Streets

- Playful Streets will be rolled out in 2 estates in Clonmel; Glenconnor Hill & Garden Close on the 24th and 25th June in partnership with the Housing CLO, Sports Partnership and Healthy Ireland.
- Playful Streets is a preventative action in the Substance Use action plan.
- The objectives of hosting a Playful Street is to promote physical activity, social interaction, and neighbourhood connectivity while reclaiming public space for community use.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Tipperary Age Friendly.

Dementia Alliance network attended Carebright Dementia Unit in Bruff on Friday 11th April

Dementia Training took place in Templemore on 7th April and Cahir and Thurles on 14th April

Regional Age Friendly Older Peoples Council Training facilitated by Limerick County Council took place in March

Promotion underway to host the first of our Housing Seminars on 30th April in Horse and Jockey featuring Housing Tipperary County Council, John Lynch Solicitor and also local Auctioneer.

Save the date has issued to exhibitors for our Annual Age Friendly EXPO in TUS College Campus on Wednesday 18th June.

6.4 Planet Youth Tipperary

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Planet Youth.

PY Coordinator is commencing after Easter engagement with each participating school, meeting with the school principal, school PY coordinator and wider school Health and Wellbeing. Each school report is confidential to that school. It will be provided with a report prepared by Iceland and also prepared by RCSI. RCSI will also provide additional analysis specific to the school request.

Each school will subsequently be provided with the Municipal District Reports, and we will engage with a wide audience on receipt of same, developing actions to address outcomes and findings from the reports.

We will also engage with the schools that did not participate with the MD reports in the coming months.

Marian Daly, our PY Coordinator, will present to the LCDC in September 2025 with County and MD reports

RCSI conference attendance by Tipperary partners. The theme of the conference was how Ireland is adapting and implementing the Icelandic Prevention Model to improve life outcomes for young people.

	<p>6.5 Engage in Energy</p> <p>Fiona Crotty updated the members on Engage in Energy. Tipperary 20 units completed, agency engagement and community workshops</p> <p>Roscrea further door to door on 15th April, community engagement planned in May, then households will resume in September</p>
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>Funding Updates</p> <p>Mary McLoughney updated the members on Funding Updates.</p> <p>8.1 2025 Town & Village Renewal Scheme</p> <p>Town & Village Renewal Main Scheme is open to EOI's until May 30th.</p> <p>8.2 2025 CLAR Measure 1 Scheme</p> <p><u>Developing Community Facilities and Amenities</u></p> <p>CLÁR Measure 1 is open for EOI's until the 14th of May. The value of CLÁR Measure 1 has increased to €65,000 per claim with 10% match funding for up to 13 claims and a further two claims can be applied for up to the value of €100,000.</p>
9.	<p>Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)</p> <p>9.1 Update from TCC</p> <p>Fiona Crotty updated the members on the ERCD Actions re the Local Economic Community Plan and outlined the High Level Goals within the plan.</p>
10.	<p>LCDC Annual Report 2024</p> <p>Sheevaun Thompson informed the members that Tipperary LCDC had a busy and productive 2024 with work on new programmes beginning such as the new Local Economic and Community Plan, the new SICAP programme and the Rural Development Programme 2023-2027 - together with our partners within the Local Development Companies. The LCDC membership was supported by Mr. Brian Back, Chief Officer and his staff within the Economic Community and Rural Development Directorate of Tipperary County Council. Approval of the LCDC Annual Report was proposed by John O Shaughnessy and seconded by Isabel Cambie.</p>
11.	<p>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultation</p> <p><u>11.1 Circular 01 2025 – LEADER LAG responsibilities</u></p> <p>Fiona Crotty advised the members the Circular 01 2025 was issued to inform LAGs of their continued responsibilities in respect of delivering LEADER. She asked the members to take particular note of Section 4.</p> <p><u>11.2 Circular 02 2025 – Update for the 2023-2027 LEADER Operating Rules</u></p> <p>Fiona Crotty advised that Circular 02 2025 was issued to inform recipients of a revised version of the 2023-2027 LEADER Operating Rules, with specific reference to updated sections.</p>

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A.O.B.

Mary McLoughney advised the members that the LCDC will be transferring to the One Advanced System in the coming weeks and each member will receive an email regarding same.

Michael Murray updated the members on the Tipperary Men's Shed Network.

Date of next Meeting

13.

Monday 19th May, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.via Zoom.

Signed:



Cllr. John Carroll
Chair,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

23/04/2025

Signed:



Brian Beck
Chief Officer,

Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

5.6.2025