

**Minutes of Local Community and Development Committee Meeting held
Monday 16th June, 2025 at 10.00 a.m. via zoom and in person in the Horse
& Jockey**

Present:

Public Sector: Cllr. John Carroll, Chair (TCC), Anthony Fitzgerald (TCC),
Stephanie O'Callaghan (CYPSC), Katie Frazer (Teagasc)

Private Sector: Michael Murray (NTDC), Elaine Baker (PPN), Isabel Cambie
(STDC), John O Shaughnessy (Business Pillar), Mike Geary
(TUS), Mike Edwards, Vice Chair (PPN), Meadhbh Gordon
(PPN)

Apologies:

Cllr. Marie Murphy (TCC), Pat Carroll (Agricultural Pillar), Sinead
Carr (Chief Executive) (TCC), Derval Howley (HSE), Colin
Cummins (TETB), Cllr. Annemarie Ryan (Shiner)(TCC), Derry O
Donnell (PPN)

In Attendance:

Brian Beck (Director of Services) (TCC), Sheevaun Thompson
(TCC), Cora Morrissey (TCC), Mairead Ryan (TCC), Mary
McLoughney (TCC), Eoin Kaar (TCC), Elaine O Driscoll (TCC),
Valerie Kavanagh (TCC), Catriona Crowe (TCC), Fiona Crotty
(TCC)

Pre-Meeting Requirements and Conflict of Interest

(a) Quorum

The Quorum was reached.

(b) Conflict of Interest

Isabel Cambie declared a conflict of interest in the Tipperary Town
Revitalisation/Tipperary Tidy Towns 2025 LEADER project.

Mike Geary declared a conflict of interest in the Ballyporeen
Community Council 2025 LEADER project.

**(c) Decision-Making Requirements to include LEADER Written
Decisions**

None

(d) Ethics Documents

All Ethics documents have been returned

Approval of Draft Agenda

The Draft Agenda was agreed

Confirmation of Minutes of Tipperary LCDC Meeting dated the 19th May, 2025 & Matters Arising (Decision)

The minutes of the Tipperary LCDC meeting held on the 19th May, 2025 LCDC Meeting were agreed on the proposal of Mike Edwards and seconded by Katie Frazer

LEADER 2023-2027**3.1 NTDC CEO Report (Decision)**

There were no projects to present to this month's LCDC. Michael Murray updated the members on the CEO Report. Approval of the CEO Report Update was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Stephanie O Callaghan

3.2 STDC Projects & CEO Report (Decision)

Isabel Cambie outlined the details of the following STDC projects to the members:

Cahir Development Association CLG/Cahir Tidy Towns

Project Code:	IE30STP102315
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Cahir Development Association CLG/ Cahir Tidy Towns
Description:	The promoter is seeking funding to restore a bridge and wall adjoining Lady Walpoles Canal at the Inch Field in Cahir and near the walk to the Swiss Cottage. The works would include repointing, de-vegetation and resolving any signs of erosion. The bridge is important for the local fauna as well to ensure the canal and Inch Field continues to perform its purpose as a natural flood defence.
Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.
Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	This project is innovative in that it involves many stakeholders in a collaborative and

		integrated approach to prevent further erosion and mitigate flood risk. The project will also enhance the Inch Field / Swiss Cottage Walk / Cahir Castle amenity area, opening up a new piece of heritage in the bridge and completing the works commenced a number of years ago. It is adjacent to the landmark statue of Fionn McCumhaill and St Declans Way.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	Yes. The project promoter sought and received 3 quotations for the work. The successful contractor was chosen on the basis of a scoring matrix including previous experience, interpretation of the project and value for money.	
	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	Grant aid of €7,405.87	
	Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A	
	Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A	
	Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules, the Tipperary Local Development Strategy and the Environmental Subtheme, which prioritises the Suir catchment and supports projects leading to habitat restoration and enhancement. In terms of outputs, it is supporting one community to carry out a community biodiversity and habitat project, Given the high tourist value of the area it can also be considered a Tourism Capital Project	
	Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. The restoration of the canal wall and bridge comes from a bottom up	

demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	approach, it involves integration and cooperation between stakeholders (Tidy Towns, Inland Fisheries Ireland, Tipperary County Council) to make an innovative bridge between tourism, heritage and biodiversity.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €7,405.87 based on eligible costs of €9,874.50 as per assessment report
Proposed by:	John O Shaughnessy
Seconded by:	Katie Frazer
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Tipperary Town Revitalisation CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102371
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Town Revitalisation CLG
Description:	The project entails the development of a new Wildflower Shrubbery at Tipperary Hills which is a much-loved local amenity. The project is being promoted in collaboration with Tipperary Tidy Towns and includes the development of a new 2,400 square metre wildflower meadow at Tipperary Hills - a public park adjacent to Tipperary Town. The project will involve low impact planting of pollinator friendly shrubs and trees to create a year-round wildlife habitat.
Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.
Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	This project is innovative in that it involves collaboration between stakeholders to develop a new Wildflower Shrubbery at Tipperary Hills. The project while modest in scale will offer many benefits in terms of

		education, biodiversity and climate change mitigation. The project will also enhance a very well used local amenity and provide another point of interest in an already unique visitor amenity	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	The promoter sought 3 quotations and received one quotation. This met the selection criteria, and the amount involved was considered reasonable based on other projects.	
	In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A – not an in-house project	
	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€5,592.71	
	Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A	
	Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A	
	Rationale 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?	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. This project is focussed on the enhancement of biodiversity in a unique 20-acre public park amenity close to Tipperary Town. There is a true bottom-up approach from the volunteer-led, community-based project promoter in the development of this project. Of the 7 LEADER principles this addresses 1) Cooperation 2) Bottom-up approach, 3) Innovation.	
	% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs – i.e. max grant of €5,592.71 based on eligible costs of €7,456.95 as per assessment report	
	Proposed by:	Mike Geary	
	Seconded by:	Stephanie O Callaghan	
	Absenters:	Yes – Isabel Cambie	
	Agreed by Board	Yes	

Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes
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Isabel Cambie declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed herself from the decision-making process.

Cashel Tidy Towns

Project Code:	IE30STP102319
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Cashel Tidy Towns
Description:	The promoter is seeking funding to enlist the expertise of an ecologist to create a biodiversity action plan, the intent of which is to provide direction and strategic guidance to the Tidy Towns and other interested parties on safeguarding and enhancing biodiversity in the Cashel Area.
Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.
Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	This project is innovative in that the proposed Plan will provide a roadmap to continue the work of Cashel Tidy Towns on their Natural Environment and Sustainability Activities, and also help them towards a Silver Medal. More importantly, it will lay a strong foundation for and provide education about biodiversity enhancement in this iconic town.
• Reasonableness of costs:	Yes. The promoter sought and received three quotations for the Biodiversity Plan. They were scored for price, contractor track record and compliance with project specifications. The contractor with the highest score was awarded the contract. They also had the cheapest price.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the	N/A – not an in-house project

project more cost effectively?	
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€4,538.70
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project is compatible with the LDS and the environment theme, specifically re Biodiversity. They have not previously received LEADER funding
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. This is a bottom-up project where a community organisation has identified a need for an expert help to support their biodiversity activities. It also involves a partnership approach between Tidy Towns and other stakeholders in the area.
% level of aid & ceiling:	90% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €4,538.70 based on eligible costs of €5,043.00 as per assessment report
Proposed by:	Mike Geary
Seconded by:	Mike Edwards
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Tipperary Excel Heritage Co. CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102364
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Tipperary Excel Heritage Co. CLG
Description:	This project involves the upgrading of the current fluorescent lighting fixtures and CFL bulbs to LED equivalent units in the Tipperary Excel Heritage Centre to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs. Occupancy and daylight sensors will also be

		installed in corridors, toilets and wet rooms to prevent unnecessary energy usage. Emergency lighting will be installed in the Dance Studio area.
Theme:		Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation
Sub Theme:		Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:		
• Deadweight		Considered but not identified
• Displacement:		Considered but not identified
• Innovation		A new LED lighting system will be installed.
• Reasonableness of costs:		Yes. The promoter sought quotations from six electrical contractors and received two quotations. One quotation addressed the full scope of the project. This met the selection criteria, and the amount involved was considered reasonable based on other projects.
In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?		N/A
Recommendation of Evaluation Committee		€14,595.00
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:		N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score		N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:		The project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and with the Tipperary Local Development Strategy and the Environmental Subtheme, which prioritises support for community energy infrastructural projects.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be		This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. This project is focussed on the implementation of energy efficiency and carbon reduction measures in a

demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	multifunctional community arts/cultural/social centre in Tipperary Town. There is a true bottom-up approach from the volunteer-led, community-based project promoter in the development of this project. Of the 7 LEADER principles this addresses 1) Cooperation 2) Bottom-up approach; 3) Innovation.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €14,595.00 based on eligible costs of €19,460.00 as per assessment report.
Proposed by:	Stephanie O Callaghan
Seconded by:	Mike Geary
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Dualla Community Association CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102322
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Dualla Community Association CLG
Description:	The project proposed will involve the installation of 20 Solar Panels (circa. 72 cell/power output of 440W) on each building, Mounting Kit, Inverter (5kV), Battery Management System (BMS) and batteries on both the roof of Dualla Community Centre and the roof of the Denis Leamy Centre at Dualla Community Field. The installation will significantly reduce reliance on grid electricity, cutting costs and lowering carbon emissions.
Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.
Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation 	<p>This project represents a pioneering step in sustainable energy for this local community, as it will be the first of its kind in the area, making the Dualla Community Centre and the Denis Leamy Centre a flagship example of renewable energy adoption. The financial savings from reduced energy costs will also allow for increased investment in local community events and initiatives, further benefiting residents of our community. By taking this innovative step, Dualla Community Association is not only future-proofing its facilities but also fostering a culture of sustainability and leadership in renewable energy adoption. This project will serve as a visible and practical example of how communities can embrace green technology to build a more sustainable future.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	<p>Yes. The promoter sought 3 quotations for the work and received three. They assessed them on the basis of cost, sustainability and previous experience. The chosen supplier scored the highest and was also the cheapest.</p>	
	<p>In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
	<p>Recommendation of Evaluation Committee</p>	<p>€16,599.37 – Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.</p>	
	<p>Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
	<p>Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score</p>	<p>N/A</p>	
	<p>Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:</p>	<p>This is a renewable energy project in two community facilities. It is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and the LDS, in particular the environment theme which</p>	

	supports the development of renewable energy and decarbonization.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding and represents a bottom up approach to identifying needs and implementing a local area based strategy for renewable energy. The simultaneous installation on both buildings is innovative as is the commitment to using the facility to educate others.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €16,599.37 based on eligible costs of €22,132.50 as per assessment report. Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.
Proposed by:	Mike Edwards
Seconded by:	Stephanie O Callaghan
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes

Isabel informed the members that all documentation is in order apart from planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Elaine Baker thought this was a fantastic project and asked what kind of heat source they had? She recommended that all heat options be looked at in order to get the best value from the solar panels.

The project was provisionally approved subject to obtaining planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Millenium Family Resource Centre CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102370
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Millenium Family Resource Centre Clg
Description:	Millennium FRC (MFRC) is a family resource centre situated in Glengoole in the disadvantaged Slieveardagh area of Tipperary. MFRC proposes to install solar panels on the rear roof structure of their building in Glengoole as recommended by an

		energy audit completed in 2024 which highlighted an annual usage of 28,021 KWh of energy at a cost then of €8,429.00 p.a. The report goes on to state that with the installation of photovoltaic solar panels 63% of their electricity needs would be provided with an energy saving of 17,806 KWh or €5,341.00 annually. This is a significant saving financially but also very importantly the report highlights that the installation of solar panels will reduce the current electricity emissions from 9.09 (tCO2e) by 5.78 (tCO2e) to 3.31 (tCO2e) which is approximately two thirds emissions reduction.	
	Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.	
	Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment	
	Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	Considered and not identified	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	Considered and not identified	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	This renewable energy installation is estimated to reduce the CO2 emissions from electricity usage by 5.78 t CO2 per year (64%). In addition, the position of MFRC as a leading community organisation gives it the opportunity to encourage service users and other community organisations to take up renewable energy. MFRC are committed to following up on other aspects of the energy audit as opportunities arise.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	Yes. The promoter sought quotations from 5 suppliers for the works. They were assessed against criteria such as the track record of the company, the quality of the proposed works, the value for money and the aftersales service, and the selected supplier was the one who scored highest	
	In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A	

Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€22,983.75: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.
Rationale of Evaluation Committee if recommendation is rejected:	N/A
Where rejecting an Evaluation Committee recommendation to reject a proposal, insert the revised score	N/A
Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project involves installation of solar panels on a family resource centre which focusses on delivering essential services in a disadvantaged rural area. Project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and the LDS Environment theme which supports community renewable energy. It also supports social inclusion and accessible services objectives.
Added Value- How will the added value of the LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding and it offers a bottom up approach to identifying and meeting the needs of a Family Resource Centre offering essential social services in a remote rural area. It will lead to improved value and social capital, as it will improve efficiency in the centre.
% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €22,983.75 based on eligible costs of €30,645.00 as per assessment report. Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.
Proposed by:	Mike Geary
Seconded by:	Katie Frazer
Absenters: Agreed by Board Has Quorum requirements been met:	No Yes Yes
Isabel informed the members that all documentation is in order apart from planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.	

The project was provisionally approved subject to obtaining planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Rosegreen Development Association CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102369
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Rosegreen Development Association CLG
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of solar solution system on the roof of the Community Centre including panels, inverter and battery storage for the Community Centre to reduce the cost of electricity and reduce their carbon footprint. This includes the supply and installation of 50 solar panels, 20kW inverter and 48kWh batteries. • Installation of a rainwater harvesting solution system at the Community Centre including a 10,000L water storage tank, a filtering system that could be used by the multiple organisations that utilise their Community Centre including the Tidy Towns team who use water to keep plants/shrubs hydrated during dry spells
Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.
Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadweight 	Considered and not identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Displacement: 	Considered and not identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation 	The proposed installation of both PV panels and rainwater harvesting is particularly innovative and will serve as a demonstration to other community groups encouraging all users to take similar initiatives in their own homes and organisations. The rainwater harvesting is also innovative through utilizing a storage collection and filtering system to recycle the water from the roof of the Community Centre for multiple uses including toilets, showers, tidy town activities etc.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonableness of costs: 	Yes. The promoter sought and received 4 quotations for the Solar Energy element and

		sought and received 3 quotations for the Rainwater Harvesting element and chose the cheapest for both items. Voluntary labour is also included for the ground works element of the project and demonstrates considerable value for money.	
	In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A	
	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€50,000: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.	
	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	
	Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	Project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and the LDS Environment theme which supports community renewable energy and water conservation.	
	Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. This project is focussed on the implementation of energy efficiency, carbon reduction and water conservation measures in a multifunctional community centre in Rosegreen village. There is a true bottom-up approach from the volunteer-led, communitybased project promoter in the development of this project. Of the 7 LEADER principles this addresses 1) Cooperation 2) Bottom-up approach, 3) Innovation.	
	% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €50,000.00 based on eligible costs of €66,667.00 as per assessment report: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.	
	Proposed by:	Stephanie O Callaghan	

Seconded by:	Katie Frazer
Absenters:	No
Board Approval	Yes
Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes

Isabel informed the members that all documentation is in order apart from planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Elaine Baker asked what kind of heat source they had? She recommended that all heat options be looked at in order to get the best value from the solar panels

The project was provisionally approved subject to obtaining planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Ballyporeen Community Council CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102303
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Ballyporeen Community Council Clg
Description:	<p>This project is an integrated approach to addressing Climate Change in a rural community. The objective is to enhance the existing community buildings and areas in Ballyporeen with works that promote sustainability. The initiatives in each of the community buildings and area are detailed below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Old School House: a. Community EV Charging Points (2 no. 22kW charging points) b. Solar Panels (30 no. x 440W solar panels & battery inverter/storage) c. Cycle Stands (6 no. stainless steel stands) 2. Community Hall Works: a. LED Lights (replace light fittings with 161 LED bulb type) b. Efficient Water Boiling System (bespoke workstation with 6kW Eco boiler) c. Community Composting Facility (2 no. 200 Litre roto makers) d. Upgrade Book Return Shelving (larger shelving unit) e. Grey Water Tank (1500 Litre tank and associated rainwater collection)

		<p>3. Community Garden Works: a. Water Filling point - Single Use Plastic (1 no. exterior stainless steel type) b. Water Butt - Roof Run Off (200 litre water but kit for rainwater collection) c. Swift Bird Boxes & Caller (4 no. boxes and 1 no. caller)</p> <p>4. Community Sensory Garden Works: a. Water Filling point - Single Use Plastic (1 no. exterior stainless steel type) b. Water Butt - Roof Run Off (200 litre water but kit for rainwater collection) c. Replant Beds with Pollinator Plants (2 no. beds consisting of 5m2 in area) d. Swift Bird Boxes & Caller (4 no. boxes and 1 no. caller)</p>	
	Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.	
	Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment	
	Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadweight 	Considered and not identified	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Displacement: 	Considered and not identified	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Innovation 	<p>This project represents an integrated approach to climate action in a rural village. It addresses the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing energy and thus fossil fuel consumption and carbon emissions via the installation of solar panels, EV Charging points, LED Lights and an efficient water boiling system. Active Travel will be supported by having cycle stands. Water conservation will be supported through rainwater harvesting at the Hall, Community Garden and Sensory Garden. Circular economy and waste reduction will be supported by the composting facility, the book exchange and the water refill stations. Biodiversity will be supported by planting and adding swift boxes and callers in the gardens. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	<p>Yes. The promoter requested quotations from 4 suppliers, they received three responses. The quotes were scored on a combination of price, previous experience and the quality of the proposal. The company who scored highest (who was also the lowest price) was awarded the contract.</p>	

	In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A	
	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€35,326.87: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.	
	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	
	Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	The project involves a suite of environment actions within a small rural village. It is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and the LDS Environment theme which supports community renewable energy, low waste and biodiversity initiatives.	
	Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. The project represents a bottom up, area based and innovative approach to identifying a suite of environmental actions which collectively can create a real difference and act as an education and capacity building focus for other communities and for people living in the area.	
	% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €35,326.87 based on eligible costs of €47,102.50 as per assessment report: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.	
	Proposed by:	Katie Frazer	
	Seconded by:	Stephanie O Callaghan	
	Absenters: Board Approval Has Quorum requirements been met:	Yes – Mike Geary Yes Yes	

Isabel informed the members that all documentation is in order apart from planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Mike Geary declared a conflict of interest in this project and removed herself from the decision-making process.

The project was provisionally approved subject to obtaining planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Place4U CLG

Project Code:	IE30STP102368
Project Promoter Code:	
Promoters Name:	Place4U CLG
Description:	Place4U, Clonmel, wishes to install Solar Panels with a capacity of 9Kw, battery storage and LED lights to replace 120 existing old fittings to help it become a more sustainable energy building. Place4U acts as a host organisation for various community, social and charitable groups. The building was previously owned by the Sisters of Charity and the Place4U committee have overseen its restoration and rear extension over the last 15 years. Over the last few years, their utility bills have escalated for both light and heat consumption.
Theme:	Sustainable Development and Climate Change adaptation and Mitigation.
Sub Theme:	Enhancing Co.Tipperary's Environment
Outline the LAG's consideration on each of the following:	
• Deadweight	Considered and not identified
• Displacement:	Considered and not identified
• Innovation	Place4U acts as a host organisation for a very large number of community, social and charitable groups. Investing in an overall energy system that is more sustainable and independent, can in the long-run help Place4U to divert the funds saved in utility bills, to making their building more socially inclusive

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reasonableness of costs: 	<p>Yes. The promoter sought five quotations for the solar panels and battery and received two. They were scored for price, contractor track record and compliance with project specifications. The contractor with the highest score was awarded the contract. They sought 7 quotations for the LEDs and received three. Of these only one met the specification of including full installation, and they were awarded the contract.</p>	
	In house projects: are there other providers that can deliver the project more cost effectively?	N/A	
	Recommendation of Evaluation Committee	€28,177.83: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.	
	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	
	Rationale for grant aid, having regard to the LDS:	Project is compatible with the LEADER Operating Rules and the LDS Environment theme which supports community renewable energy. It also supports the accessible service and social inclusion themes.	
	Added value – How will the added value of LEADER funding be demonstrated in the delivery of this project?	This project could not take place without LEADER Funding. This is a bottom up project where a social enterprise has identified a need to reduce their carbon emissions and reduce their running costs. It will result in improved social capital.	
	% level of aid & ceiling:	75% of eligible costs - i.e. max grant of €28,177.83 based on eligible costs of €37,570.44 as per assessment report: Provisional approval of grant aid, subject to Planning Permission/Section V exemption being received.	
	Proposed by:	Mike Edwards	

Seconded by:	John O Shaughnessy
Absenters:	No
Board Approval	Yes
Has Quorum	Yes
requirements been met:	

Isabel informed the members that all documentation is in order apart from planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

The project was provisionally approved subject to obtaining planning permission / section 5 exempted development certificate.

Isabel Cambie also updated the members on the CEO Report. Approval of the CEO Report was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Mike Geary

3.3 Budget Report (Decision)

Val Kavanagh presented the Income and Expenditure Budget Report. All presented projects were included in the figures.

Approval of the Monthly Income and Expenditure Report was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Stephanie O Callaghan.

3.4 LEADER Targeted Call 2024 - Update

Michael Murray updated the members on the LEADER Targeted Call 2024

3.5 LEADER Targeted Call 2025 Proposal – (Decision)

Michael Murray gave an overview of LEADER Targeted Call 2025. He advised the members that Tipperary LCDC with its partners NTDC and STDC are seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals, enterprises and communities who are seeking LEADER funding for their Green Economy project. The minimum grant amount will be €10,000 and the maximum amount will be €80,000. The Closing date for submission of Expression of Interest Forms to STDC and NTDC is Monday 15th September 2025. EOIs will be evaluated in Sept/October and eligible applicants will be invited to submit complete applications according to the LEADER Operating Rules and the Tipperary Local Development Strategy. These completed applications will proceed to Evaluation.

3.6 Greening your LEADER Project Guide (Information)

Val Kavanagh presented a "Greening your LEADER Project" information guide document. It will help groups and people applying for funding to consider the environment and climate action at all stages of their project.

3.7 Proposal for Tipperary County Council Representation on LEADER Independent Evaluation Committees (Decision)

Val Kavanagh informed the members that the above would be listed on the LCDC July Meeting Agenda and reminded all that any changes would require approval by the LCDC.

SICAP

4.1 New Arrival Funding 2025

Sheevaun Thompson informed the members that New Arrival Funding in the sum of €30,000 had been approved for NTDC

4.2 SICAP Reporting Template

Michael Murray updated the members on a new SICAP Reporting Template

4.3 SICAP Activity Report

Michael Murray updated the members on the SICAP Activity Report.

5. LCDC Sustainable Communities Meeting 09/06/2025 – Update

Val Kavanagh informed the members that the LCDC Sustainable Communities Sub Group Meeting was held on the 9th June and Michael Murray was appointed as Chairperson. The minutes of same will be circulated.

Quality of Life

6.1 Healthy Ireland Fund (HIF) 2023-2025

Eoin Kaar updated the members on the Healthy Ireland Fund 2023-2025:

- Two (2) men's health workshops are being delivered in Nenagh & Littleton in conjunction with NTDC and Men's Shed groups.
- SLA signed with NTDC for 2025 activities to support marginalised and vulnerable groups in Littleton area.
- SLA signed with Silver Arch FRC to address social isolation of people over 50 living in North Tipperary.

6.2 Healthy Communities Clonmel (Substance Use Action Plan)

Catriona Crowe updated the members on Sláintecare initiatives:

- **31st May 2025** was the deadline for the return of all 2024 seed funded projects compliance docs. These projects have been approved and signed off by the Department of Health.
- **30th June 2025** is the deadline for new 2025 seed fund applications using a new online Submit forms system.
- County Tipperary Chamber was the winner of the Chamber Ireland Awards held on 5th June under the Local Authority Engagement category – Clonmel Community Conversations on Substance Use.
- Substance Use Community Conversation Cohort meetings:

Lived Experience	Date June TBC
Parents Cohort	6 th & 7 th May
Clubs & Groups	Date June TBC
Businesses & Hospitality	Date 4 th June

- Playful Streets will be rolled out in Glenconnor Hill, Clonmel on the 24th June.

- TUS Students Union are planning a Youth Festival to be held in partnership with Clonmel Applefest from Sept 25th to Sept 28th 2025.
- "Storyslam" is the first of its kind in Ireland. Young people in recovery will be trained in the art of delivering a Storyslam. Stories will be shared/celebrated as part of a public performance during the Tír Na nÓg Youth Festival – Sept 2025.
- Woodlands for Health – Involvement Centre Clonmel. There will be a 12-week co-produced woodland-based walking initiative for adults availing of mental health services or supports.

6.3 Tipperary Age Friendly

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Tipperary Age Friendly:

- The Annual Age Friendly EXPO takes place on Wednesday 18th June from 12pm to 3pm at TUS Campus, Thurles. There is over 60 stands confirmed.
- Positive Ageing Week 2025 is from 29th September to 3rd October.
- Virtual Dementia unit is being procured for the region with the ambition to offer opportunity to receive training in September for Brain Health Month.

6.4 Planet Youth Tipperary

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Planet Youth.

- Marian Daly, Tipperary PY coordinator has met all schools that engaged with Planet Youth. Marian will present an update to the September LCDC.

6.5 Engage in Energy

Fiona Crotty updated the members on Engage in Energy

- Household visits re: Engage in Energy have concluded in Roscrea (11 visits) & Tipperary Town (20 visits).
- Engagement with Carrick-on-Suir will commence in September 2025.
- Second progress report to be submitted to Department of Children, Disability and Equality by end of June.
- Review underway with TUS on data collected to date.
- Date agreed for all 4 national projects to meet on Child Poverty Action Plans facilitated by Department.


7. Smart Villages Update

Isabel Cambie informed the members that there was currently no update on Smart Villages, however, she advised that she would update all at the September LCDC meeting.

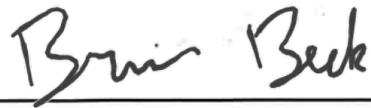
8. Update on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee

Stephanie O Callaghan updated the members on the Children and Young Persons Services Committee.

Funding Updates

<p>9.</p>	<p>9.1 2025 Town & Village Renewal Scheme Mary McLoughney updated the members on the 2025 Town & Village Renewal Scheme. She advised that 28 Expressions of Interest have been shortlisted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Project to the value of €500,000 and 3 Projects to the value of €300,000 for the main scheme. • 2 Projects to the value of €50,000 under the Project Development Measure <p>9.2 2025 CLAR Measure 1 Scheme Mary McLoughney updated the members on the 2025 CLAR Measure 1 Scheme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 applications were received of which 15 were forwarded to the department for approval. A decision on same is expected in November. <p>9.3 Community Recognition Fund 2024 – Window 3 Val Kavanagh updated the members on the CRF – Window 3 and advised that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 51 applications were submitted and 8 have now been approved for funding by the department in the sum of €50,000 each. <p>Correspondence, Submissions & Consultation Grants of up to €3,000 will be available to Men's Sheds across the country. The scheme is administered by the Irish Men's Sheds Association.</p> <p>A.O.B.</p> <p>11. Mary McLoughney advised the members to register on the One Advanced system which will replace Sharefile.</p> <p>A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of Sean McLoughlin a former Board Member. A vote of sympathy was extended to the family of the late Joe Brennan on his recent passing.</p> <p>Date of next Meeting Monday 21st July, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.via Zoom.</p> <p>Signed:  Date: <u>21/7/2025</u></p> <p>Cllr. John Carroll Chair, Tipperary Local Community Development Committee</p>
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Signed:



Brian Beck
Chief Officer,
Tipperary Local Community Development Committee

Date:

24.7.2025