

**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee
 County House, Lifford, 2.00 pm on 18th June 2019**

Members	Clr Martin McDermott (Chair), Seamus Neely, Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, Clr Niamh Kennedy, Paul Hannigan, Anne McHugh, Susan McLaughlin, David Alcorn, Andrew Ward, Padraic Fingleton, Susan McCauley, and James O Donnell
Apologies	Liam McElhinney, Aengus Kennedy, Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, Anne McAteer, Padraic Fingleton and Michael Tunney
Chief Officer	Paddy Doherty
Attending	Liam Ward, Seamus Canning, Adrienne Kelly & Kathleen Browne

Welcome

Clr Martin McDermott, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and thanked the members present for attending the meeting.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Draft minutes of the LCDC meeting of 2nd May 2019 were considered and proposed by Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by Seamus Neely, with no matters arising.

2. Community Enhancement Programme 2019 – Approval of Grant Awards

Kathleen Browne informed members that, as previously advised Donegal LCDC received a fund of €159,461.00 for the Community Enhancement Programme. The Programme Guidelines indicated that the LCDC should award small and large grants to Community Groups with 30% of monies allocated to be awarded as small grants. Members noted that monies must be drawdown by the successful groups by year end. Kathleen confirmed that the LCDC had agreed at the meeting on 2nd May 2019 that these monies should be divided equally between each Municipal District. They further agreed that the monies should be divided as follows per MD:

- €10,000 for small scale capital grants (grants awarded to be no less than €500 and no more than €1,000)
- €21,892 per MD for larger scale capital works (Minimum grant of €7,000)

Kathleen outlined the detail of the report as circulated in advance of the meeting and Members were advised that 255 applications were received. The Municipal District breakdown of applications was as follows:-

Municipal District	Large Apps	Small Apps	Total
Donegal	25	10	35
Glenties	31	32	62
Inishowen	20	17	37
Letterkenny	36	16	52
Stranorlar	36	32	68
	148	107	255

Kathleen confirmed to members that the LCDC Grant Evaluation Sub Committee met on 6th and 13th June to consider all applications. A scoring scheme for applications was agreed as follows:-

Large Grant (€7,000 - €21,892)

Need	25
Community Impact	50
Target Groups	50
Sustainability	50
Alignment to LECP	50

Small Grant

A large high number of small grant applications were received. The Evaluation Committee decided as follows:-

- Mens Sheds would not be awarded a small grant – their applications would be rolled over to be considered for the ring fenced Men's Shed Funding
- Groups who were awarded DFI funding in 2019 in Glenties and Stranorlar MD would not be awarded a small grant under the Community Enhancement Programme. 2019 due to the large volume of applications for small grants received from these Municipal Districts.
- Groups who had submitted more than one application for a small grant would receive one award only.
- Groups who were awarded a large grant would not be awarded an additional small grant.

The Sub Committee assessed all eligible applications based on the agreed scoring scheme and decided to award grant funding as follows:-

Donegal MD

Large Grants

CEPD11	Bluestacks Special Needs Foundation	€ 8,295.00
CEPD28	Drimarone Development Association	€ 7,000.00
CEPD31	Erne Enterprise Development Co Clg	€ 7,000.00

Small Grants

CEPD5	Dunkineely Community Ltd	€ 1,000.00
CEPD6	St Theresa's Terrace	€ 1,000.00
CEPD7	Bundoran Community Food Project	€ 1,000.00
CEPD8	Ballyshannon Basketball Club	€ 1,000.00
CEPD16	Killybegs Community Garden	€ 641.00
CEPD19	Lar Chomhairle Paroiste Ghleann Cholm Cille	€ 1,000.00
CEPD25	Co Donegal Railway Restoration CLG	€ 980.00
CEPD33	Clg Naomh Naille	€ 1,000.00
CEPD36	Solace Cancer Support	€ 976.00
CEPD37	Bundoran Community Development CLG	€ 1,000.00

Members noted that following the award of grant to all small grant applicants a balance of €403 remained. This was added to the total amount available for award for large grants.

Glenties MD

Large Grants

CEPG25	Ardara Community Childcare CLG	€7,297.34
CEPG54	CLG Ghaoth Dobhair	€7,297.33
CEPG61	Coiste Halla Naomh Bride	€7,297.33

Small Grants

CEPG1	Guth na Rossan CTR	€500.00
CEPG3	Narin Beach Parkrun	€500.00
CEPG8	Downstrands Family Resource Centre	€500.00
CEPG10	Cuman Romhaiochta Chloic Cheann Fhaola	€500.00
CEPG11	Comharchumann na nOilean Beg	€500.00
CEPG12	Coiste Cairde Bhunaninbhir	€500.00
CEPG19	Paisti Cois Mara	€500.00
CEPG20	Club Oige Chríost Ri	€500.00
CEPG22	Crollly Anglers Association	€500.00
CEPG23	Ardara Sheltered Housing Assoc	€500.00
CEPG27	Aislann Rann na Feirste	€500.00
CEPG28	Comharchumann Oilean Arainn Mhor CTR	€500.00

CEPG30	Forbairt na Rosann	€500.00
CEPG36	Forbairt Dhun Luiche	€500.00
CEPG45	Ard Connell Residents Assoc	€500.00
CEPG46	Ard Patrick Residents Assoc	€500.00
CEPG51	Bord na nOg CLG Ghaoth Dobhair	€500.00
CEPG57	Dunfanaghy Healthy Gardening Group	€500.00
CEPG58	The Workhouse, Dunfanaghy	€500.00
CEPG60	Dunfanaghy Tidy Towns	€500.00

Inishowen MD

Large Grants

CEPI21	Glengad Community Assoc	€ 7,892.00
CEPI3	Fort Dunree Military Museum Ltd	€ 7,000.00
CEPI5	Carrigans Tidy Towns Group	€ 7,000.00

Small Grants

CEPI6	Artlink Ltd	€714.28
CEPI8	Colgan Heritage Group	€714.28
CEPI10	Monreagh Hall Management Committee	€714.28
CEPI12	Barrack Hill Town Park Community Food Project	€714.28
CEPI17	18th Moville Port Sea Scouts	€714.28
CEPI18	Ulster Canada Initiative	€714.28
CEPI22	Buncrana Tidy Towns	€714.29
CEPI23	Carrowmenagh Community	€714.29
CEPI26	Moville & District Family Resource Centre	€714.29
CEPI31	Serenity House Learning Centre	€714.29
CEPI34	Carndonagh GAA Club	€714.29
CEPI35	20th Donegal Bocan Scout Group	€714.29
CEPI36	Sliabh Sneacht Centre Co Ltd	€714.29
CEPI37	St Orans Community Pre School	€714.29

Letterkenny MD

Large Grants

CEPL13	Swilly Mulroy Community Development Co Op	€7,297.34
CEPL19	Letterkenny Gaels GAA	€7,297.33
CEPL20	Drumoghill Football Club	€7,297.33

Small Grants

CEPL2	Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter Co CLG	€769.24
CEPL7	Fanad United	€769.23
CEPL11	Kerrykeel Community Group	€769.23
CEPL12	Milford & District Fly Fishing Angling Club	€769.23
CEPL14	Kilmacrennan Tidy Towns	€769.23
CEPL15	Milford Tidier for All	€769.23
CEPL18	Kerrykeel Tidy Towns	€769.23
CEPL22	Raymochy Historical Society	€769.23
CEPL29	Letterkenny Community Centre	€769.23
CEPL40	Colmcille Gospel Choir	€769.23
CEPL45	Kilmacrennan Celtic Football Club	€769.23
CEPL47	Letterkenny Care of the Aged	€769.23
CEPL48	Fanad Community Care of the Aged	€769.23

Stranorlar MD

Large Grants

CEPS17	Raphoe Family Resource Centre	€ 7,196.00
CEPS42	Crossroads & Killygordon Enterprise (CAKE)	€ 7,196.00
CEPS64	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Integrated Community Company	€ 7,000.00

Small Grants

CEPS1	Gateway Writers Group	€500.00
CEPS2	Donegal Fibromyalgia Support Group	€500.00
CEPS4	Lifford Friday Club	€500.00
CEPS5	Raphoe Tidy Towns	€500.00
CEPS11	Twin Towns Lost & Found	€500.00
CEPS14	Wednesday Club CAKE	€500.00
CEPS20	Three Rivers Badminton Club	€500.00
CEPS22	Urney & Castlefin Pastoral Council	€500.00
CEPS24	Ard Baithin Residents Assoc	€500.00
CEPS25	Red Hughes GAA	€500.00

CEPS32	Raphoe Cathedral Hall Mgt Committee	€500.00
CEPS35	Castlefin Tidy Towns	€500.00
CEPS39	Lifford Celtic Youths	€500.00
CEPS49	Scouting Ireland 3rd Donegal Raphoe	€500.00
CEPS55	LATCH Clg	€500.00
CEPS58	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Chamber of Commerce	€500.00
CEPS59	Donegal East Tourism	€500.00
CEPS61	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Tidy Towns	€500.00
CEPS62	Twin Towns Walking Festival	€500.00
CEPS63	Ballybofey 400th Anniversary Group	€500.00
CEPS68	Doneyloop Community Development	€500.00

Members were advised that due to the high number of small grant applications in Stranorlar MD the Sub Committee decided to award 21 small grants of €500 totalling €10,500 and to reduce the amount available to be award for large grants to €21,392.

On the proposal of Clr Niamh Kennedy, seconded by David Alcorn, Members of the LCDC are approved the award of grants under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 to these groups.

On the proposal of Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by Seamus Neely, members unanimously agreed to retrospectively approve the award of the Grants to community groups for the 'Big Hello' National Community Weekend.

3. Community Enhancement Programme 2019 – Mens Shed

Kathleen Browne advised members that on 31st May Department of Community & Rural Development announced that 0.5million euro nationally would be made available under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019 for Men's Shed to be administered through the LCDC.

Further details of the amount of funding allocated to Donegal LCDC and application forms for same have not yet issued.

The Department have indicated however, that it intends to set a closing date of early July for this Programme which will once again be opened to all Men's Sheds in the County who are registered with the Irish Men's Shed Association (22 in Donegal). They have also indicated that women's sheds who can adhere to guidelines to be set down by the Department will be eligible to apply for funding from the ring fenced programme.

Members will be updated on any further information available as it is received

4. Healthy Ireland Update

Seamus Canning updated the members on the current status of the Healthy Ireland Fund applications as follows:-

Healthy Ireland Fund Phase 2 : September 18 – June 19. Total Budget €112,100

An application to Phase 2 of the Healthy Ireland Fund was developed jointly between Donegal LCDC and CYPSC and was submitted in May 2018. This application is to the value of €112,100. Approval for the application was received from Pobal in September 2018. Service Level Agreements with the Action delivery partners have been put in place and monitoring and evaluation of the actions is on-going. Two of the approved Actions will be undertaken by Donegal County Council directly with the remainder being delivered by a combination of CYPSC and HSE affiliated bodies.

Notification was received from Pobal in February 2019 that the eligibility period for work under Round 2 had been extended to 30th June 2019.

Healthy Ireland Initiative Round 3

Members were advised that on 7th June 2019 Pobal advised that HIF Round 3 will run from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2021 and that Donegal LCDC has been allocated €184,000 to implement a programme of work under HIF during the 2 year period. This consists of €107,000 in Year 1 and a further €77,000 in Year 2 subject to budget approval. Please note the following steps in the process of rolling out Round 3.

A Round 3 Support Event will take place in Tullamore on Thursday 27th June to inform all LCDCs about the Round 3 programme framework and programme of work templates that need to be completed. See registration details below.

Each LCDC will be required to complete the programme of work templates which can be submitted to Pobal for consideration anytime between 1st July and 20th September 2019. LCDCs are encouraged to complete their submission as early as possible in order to speed up the review and approval process.

Proposed eligible actions cannot commence using HIF funding until the overall programme of work is approved by the Department of Health.

The Round 3 Programme templates and guidance will be issued to all LCDCs in advance of the support event in Tullamore.

5. AOB

Review of LCDCs

Liam Ward advised members that the report drawn up in relation to the review of LCDC s was completed and with the Minister for review. He confirmed that this report would be published in July. Liam confirmed that he had sat on the CCMA board who had contributed to the review.

LECP – Mid Term Review

Liam Ward confirmed to members that there was a requirement on LCDCs to conduct a Mid Term Review of the LECP. Guidance on this review was awaited from the Department of Rural and Community Development. LCDCs had been advised by the Department not to carry out the reviews until the Regional Strategic and Economic Plans and Local Authority Corporate Plans had been adopted. He confirmed that Local Authorities had to adopt their Corporate Plan within 6 months of the establishment of the new Council.

Liam advised that the Donegal LECP plan ran until 2022.

SICAP End of Year Review 2018 – Amendment to figures

Members were advised that following a VAT verification check, it was necessary to amend the expenditure figures for Lots 33-2 and 33-3 which had been approved by members as part of the end of year review process. The amendments were as follows:-

Lot 33-2 Total spend at year end as approved by LCDC was €352,348.79 with an underspend of €643.22. This was now amended to an overall spend of €352,348.54 with an underspend of €643.46.

Lot 33-3 Total spend at year end as approved by LCDC was €1,056,708.64 with an underspend of €2,036.36. This was now amended to an overall spend of €1,056,922.31 with an underspend of €1822.69.

Members noted the changes to the expenditure and underspend figures for Lots 33-2 and 33-3 for 2018.

SICAP Mid Year Review – SICAP Sub Committee Meeting

Members were advised that the SICAP Mid Year review for Lots 33-1, 33-2 and 33-3 would be considered at the LCDC Meeting in July. It would be necessary to hold a SICAP Sub Committee Meeting in advance of this.

Members agreed to schedule the meeting for 10am on 4th July 2019 in Letterkenny PSC

Closure of Kilcar Post Office

James O Donnell raised the issue of the closure of Kilcar Post Office and strongly condemned same. He called on the LCDC and all politicians to take whatever actions possible to prevent the closure of post offices in the county. Cllr Niamh Kennedy, David Alcorn and Cllr Maire Therese Gallagher spoke in support of the issues raised by James. Cllr Martin McDermott confirmed that if there was anything the LCDC could do to prevent the closure of Post Offices they would do it.

6. Next Meeting

Members were advised that the next meeting of the LCDC would be held at 10 am on 16th July 2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.