



**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee
 County House, Lifford, 11.00 am on 25th February 2019**

Members	Clr Martin McDermott (Chair), Seamus Neely, Padraic Fingleton, Clr Niamh Kennedy, Martin McBride, Anne McHugh, Aengus Kennedy, Liam McElhinney, Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, James O Donnell, Anne McAteer, and David Alcorn
Apologies	Paul Hannigan, Michael Tunney, Susan McLaughlin, Siobhan McLaughlin, Susan McCauley and Andrew Ward
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 29th January 2019 were considered. The minutes were proposed by James O Donnell and seconded by Liam McElhinney, with no matters arising.

2. SICAP End of Year Review 2018 - Lot 33-1 Donegal Inishowen

Kathleen Browne reported to the members on the End of Year Review submitted by Inishowen Development Partnership for Lot 33-1 for 2018.

Members were informed that the End of Year Review Report 2018 for Lot 33-1 (Donegal - Inishowen) had been brought before the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee for consideration on 21st February. Following consideration of the Pobal Parallel review and presentation on the report by Shauna McClenaghan, IDP, the SICAP Sub Committee were satisfied to recommend approval of the End of Year Review 2018 for Lot 33-1 Donegal - Inishowen.

She confirmed that IDP had submitted the End of Year narrative report and that all sections of the report were satisfactorily completed. She further confirmed that IDP had achieved and exceeded their KPI 1 and 2 targets and that the target for percentage of KPI 2 participants from disadvantaged areas had also been achieved and exceeded. Members were also advised that they had adhered to all the necessary Financial Requirements and additional programme delivery considerations set down for 2018.

On the proposal of Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, seconded by Aengus Kennedy, members approved the End of Year Review 2018 for Lot 33-1 and recommended that Programme

Funding in the amount of €49,765.00 for the period 1st March 2019 to 31st March 2019 be released to Inishowen Development Partnership. Members noted that the approval of the End of Year Review also resulted in the Final Approval for the Lot 33-1 Annual Plan 2019, which had been approved in principle at the LCDC Meeting on 18th December 2018.

3. SICAP End of Year Review 2018 - Lot 33-2 Donegal Gaeltacht

Kathleen Browne reported to the members on the End of Year Review submitted by Donegal Local Development CLG for Lot 33-2 for 2018.

Members were informed that the End of Year Review Report 2018 for Lot 33-2 (Donegal Gaeltacht) had been brought before the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee for consideration on 21st February. Following consideration of the Pobal Parallel review and presentation on the report by Margaret Larkin and Louise Brogan, DLDC, the SICAP Sub Committee were satisfied to recommend approval of the End of Year Review 2018 for Lot 33-2 Donegal Gaeltacht.

She confirmed that DLDC had submitted the End of Year narrative report and that all sections of the report were satisfactorily completed. She further confirmed that DLDC had achieved and exceeded their KPI 1 and 2 targets and that the target for percentage of KPI 2 participants from disadvantaged areas had also been achieved and exceeded. Members were also advised that they had adhered to all the necessary Financial Requirements and additional programme delivery considerations set down for 2018.

On the proposal of David Alcorn, seconded by Anne McAteer, members approved the End of Year Review 2018 for Lot 33-2 and recommended that Programme Funding in the amount of €29,416.00 for the period 1st March 2019 to 31st March 2019 be released to Donegal Local Development CLG. Members noted that the approval of the End of Year Review also resulted in the Final Approval for the Lot 33-2 Annual Plan 2019, which had been approved in principle at the LCDC Meeting on 18th December 2018.

4. SICAP End of Year Review 2018 - Lot 33-3 Donegal

Kathleen Browne reported to the members on the End of Year Review submitted by Donegal Local Development CLG for Lot 33-3 for 2018.

Members were informed that the End of Year Review Report 2018 for Lot 33-3 (Donegal) had been brought before the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee for consideration on 21st February. Following consideration of the Pobal Parallel review and presentation on the report by Margaret Larkin and Louise Brogan, DLDC, the SICAP Sub Committee were satisfied to recommend approval of the End of Year Review 2018 for Lot 33-3 Donegal.

She confirmed that DLDC had submitted the End of Year narrative report and that all sections of the report were satisfactorily completed. She further confirmed that DLDC had achieved and exceeded their KPI 1 and 2 targets and that the target for percentage of KPI 2 participants from disadvantaged areas had also been achieved and exceeded. Members were also advised that they had adhered to all the necessary Financial Requirements and additional programme delivery considerations set down for 2018.

On the proposal of Anne McAteer, seconded by James O Donnell, members approved the End of Year Review 2018 for Lot 33-3 and recommended that Programme Funding in the amount of €88,228.800 for the period 1st March 2019 to 31st March 2019 be released to Donegal Local Development CLG. Members noted that the approval of the End of Year Review also resulted in the Final Approval for the Lot 33-3 Annual Plan 2019, which had been approved in principle at the LCDC Meeting on 18th December 2018.

5. SICAP End of Year Report 2018

Members considered the draft Donegal LCDC SICAP End of Year Report 2018 which was previously circulated and discussed content of same.

Following consideration of the report, on the proposal of Cllr Niamh Kennedy, seconded by Anne McAteer, members approved the LCDC SICAP End of Year Report 2018.

6. Donegal LCDC Annual Report 2017

Members considered the draft Donegal LCDC Annual Report 2018, which was circulated previously. The report sets out the background, key responsibilities and composition of the Donegal LCDC. It also detailed the key achievements of the Donegal LCDC in 2018.

Members were reminded that the LCDC were obliged to submit a report to the Members of Donegal County Council annually. The authority of the LCDC to submit the report, as circulated, to the March meeting of Donegal County Council for noting was sought.

On the proposal of Liam McElhinney, seconded by James O Donnell, Members agreed to submit the Annual Report as presented.

7. National Community Weekend – 4-6th May 2019

Kathleen Browne advised members that The Minister for Rural and Community Development, Mr Michael Ring, TD, had announced the launch of a National Community Event, to be held for the first time over the May Bank Holiday weekend, 2019. Local communities are asked to come up with ideas for events in their areas. Events could be centred round food, sport, the environment or health and culture.

A copy of the draft Application Form and Guidelines was circulated to members with the Agenda.

Each LCDC has been allocated €10,000 to award as small grants of about €100-€300 per event may be available from LCDCs.

On the proposal of David Alcorn, seconded by Seamus Neely, members agreed the following:-

- Draft Guidelines and Application form as circulated were approved.

- Monies from the funds allocated would be divided equally between each Municipal District.
- The Community Enhancement Programme Evaluation Sub Committee be renamed as the Grant Evaluation Sub Committee and that they Evaluate the applications for this fund.
- The Evaluation Sub Committees decisions on Award of grants would be retrospectively approved by the LCDC Members at the June Meeting due to the short timeline for the application and evaluation process.
- Grants would be paid retrospectively to successful groups upon receipt of drawdown form and supporting documentation ie invoices certified as paid/receipts.

Members further agreed that discretion be given to the Grant Evaluation Sub Committee to award grants at a higher rate than the recommended €100-€300 based on the quality and quantity of applications received.

8. PEACE IV Update

Paddy Doherty updated members on the Donegal Peace Partnership and advised that the SEUPB had approved projects in the sum of €2,469,684 as follows:-

				Budget
1.	A4	Youth Work Project	ETB	€70,000
2.	C3	Community Leadership Programme	ETB	€230,000
3.	C7	Restorative Practices	ETB	€200,000
4.	A8	Digital Media Project	DCC Regional Cultural Centre	€83,684
5.	C5(a)	Living in Donegal	DCC Regional Cultural Centre	€50,000
6.	C8(a)	North West Stories	DCC Regional Cultural Centre	€80,000
7.	C8(b)	Intergenerational Project	DCC Social Inclusion	€150,000
8.	C9	Commemoration Project	DCC Museum Services	€145,000
9	A6	Empathy & Good Relations	Inishowen Development Partnership	€100,000
10	A7	Minority Sports Programme	Donegal Sports Partnership	€140,000
11	A1	Youth Training Programme	Inishowen Development Partnership	€52,000
12	A9	Divisionary Youth Programme	Foroige (managed by Gardai)	€182,000
13	A10	Reading Rooms	Verbal Arts Centre	€120,000
14	C5a	BME Engagement	Donegal Travellers Project	€210,000
15	C11a	FMBS	Co-Operation Ireland	€60,000
16	A2	Marginalised Young People	Foroige managed by Tusla	€182,000
17	A5	Every Story Matters	Friel Consulting/Media NI	€75,000
18	C11b	Former Combatants	Abhaile Aris	€190,000

19	C2a	Cross Border Heritage	Inishowen Development Partnership	€150,000
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Paddy further advised that the Grant Scheme closing date was 30th November with a fund of €5,712,955 to be allocated. 22 applications had been received. He advised that the following 9 projects had been approved for funding with letters of offer issued.

ADOPT – Association for the Development of Pettigo & Tullyhommon CLG	€80,000
Donegal Youth Services	€80,000
Spraoi & Sport Family Centre Ltd	€80,000
Project Orange	€60,000
Pobail le Cheile CDP CLG	€50,800
Northern Trade Union Educational & Social Centre	€30,000
Raphoe Ulster Scots Community Pipe Band	€36,155
Pro-Social Ireland CLG	€80,000
Football Association of Ireland	€75,000

Members were advised that a call for expressions of interest under Shared Spaces – Outdoor Play Areas, with a closing date of 21st December, had received 9 applications. The available budget was €300,000 and three projects were to be developed. The three applications approved for funding were:-

Friends of Rossnowlagh Beach	€100,000
Killea Community Play Park Group	€115,000
Bruckless Community Centre Ltd	€85,000

Members were also advised that the call for expressions of interest under Shared Spaces – Re-imaging of Perceived Single Identity Spaces and Sensory Garden and Allotment Space was being advertised with a closing date of 22nd March. A budget of €200,000 to support 4 projects was available under the Perceived Single Identity Spaces measure and a budget of €50,000 was available under the Sensory Garden and Allotment Space measure to support one project.

9. Donegal LCDC Funding Report 2018

Paddy Doherty advised members that arising from a request from members at a previous LCDC Meeting a report had been collated for members showing the total amount of funding awarded by the LCDC through the Community Development Division in 2018. This report had been circulated to members with the Agenda.

The report gave a breakdown of the funding by Municipal District and by funding source.

Liam Ward advised that the report gave members an overview of all monies allocated. He confirmed that 367 groups had received funding from the LCDC in 2018 and of these only 40 groups had received funding from two or more funding sources.

10. Request from Intercultural Platform to make a Presentation to the LCDC

Clr Martin McDermott advised members that a request had been received from the Intercultural Platform to attend the April LCDC Meeting to make a presentation to members on 'Building Intercultural Communities'.

On the proposal of Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, seconded by Cllr Niamh Kennedy, members agreed the attendance of the group to make a presentation at the April Meeting.

11. Review of CE Social Inclusion Schemes by Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection

Cllr Niamh Kennedy raised concerns at correspondence which had been issued advising of the establishment of an Interdepartmental Group set up to explore the most appropriate organisation arrangements for the Drug Rehabilitation and Childcare CE Schemes. Cllr Kennedy expressed concern at the possibility of CEP Schemes being diminished as a result of this review and suggested that the LCDC write to the Department to express support for retaining the existing CEP Schemes, particularly the Community Employment Schemes.

Members discussed the correspondence and it was agreed that a draft letter to the Department expressing the support of the LCDC for the retention of the existing CEP Schemes be prepared and circulated to LCDC members for approval.

12. Community Enhancement Programme – Small Grant – Otway Golf Club

Members were advised that correspondence had been received from Otway Golf Club. The group received funding under the Community Enhancement Programme to purchase a Defibrillator and outdoor heated alarmed cabinet. However, due to issues with their Landlord, the Golf Club have had to vacate their premises. Correspondence has been received seeking permission to move the defibrillator and cabinet to a new location to be agreed with the Rathmullan Community First Responders.

On the proposal of Cllr Niamh Kennedy, seconded by Aengus Kennedy, members agreed to this proposal.

13. Declaration of Interest

Members were advised that the period covered by the Declaration of Interest Forms as circulated had been amended to make the declaration retrospective and ensure that they were in line with the Ethics Declarations as per the Local Government Act, 2001. Members were reminded that the completed Declarations of Interest and Code of Conduct Compliance Forms should be submitted by 28th February.

14. PPN Representatives on LCDC

Martin McBride raised a query in relation to the rotation of PPN Representatives as members of the LCDC after three years. Paddy Doherty advised that two of the current PPN representatives had served on the LCDC for more than three years. He confirmed that the LCDC guidelines specified that the PPN representative membership must be rotated after three years. It was confirmed that this issue would need to be raised at a national level and that it could not be amended locally.

15. Amendment to Schedule of Meetings

Members were advised that it was necessary to make amendments to the Schedule of meetings as previously agreed.

Members agreed the following amendments:-

Original Meeting	Amendment	New Date	Time
Tuesday, 19/03/2019	Cancelled		
Tuesday, 16/04/2019	Change of Date	Thursday, 4 th April 2019	12 noon
Tuesday, 21/05/2019	Change of Date	Thursday, 2 nd May 2019	10 am

This concluded the business of the meeting