

Miontuairiscí ó Chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil na Gaillimhe a tionóladh ar Céadaoin 12ú Meán Fómhair 2018 (10.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.)
Minutes of Galway County Local Community Development Committee held on
Wednesday 12th September 2018 (10.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.)

LCDC Members in Attendance:

Tom Turley (Chairperson)	Irish Farmers Association (Agriculture & Farming)
Dan Dowling (Vice-Chairperson)	Galway County PPN (Community & Voluntary)
Cllr. Noel Thomas	Galway County Council
Cllr. Dermot Connolly	Galway County Council
Cllr. Jimmy McClearn	Galway County Council
Breda Fox	Galway Local Enterprise Office (LEO)
Eoin Brown	Department of Social Protection
Terry Keenan	FORUM Connemara Ltd
Delia Colahan	Galway Rural Development CLG
Conor O'Dowd	Galway Chamber (Employers & Business)
Martin Ward	Galway County PPN (Social Inclusion)
Seán Ó Coistealbha	Galway County PPN (Community & Voluntary)
Margaret Sheehan	Galway County PPN (Environment)
Kathleen Aspel Mortimer	Galway County PPN (Social Inclusion)

Staff in Attendance

Alan Farrell (Chief Officer)	Galway County Council
Brian Barrett	Galway County Council
Ann Mallaghan	Galway County Council
Eibhlin Curran	Galway County Council
Denise Feeney	Galway County Council

Apologies

Kevin Kelly	Galway County Council
Michael Keady	Health Service Executive (HSE) West
Mícheál O hÉanaigh	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Donal Walsh	GRETB
Enda Conneely	Comhar na nOileán Teo

1 Miontuairiscí ó chruinniú an Choiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil (LCDC) a tionóladh an 10ú Iúil 2018

Minutes of Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held on 10th July 2018

T. Turley (Chairperson) welcomed all members to the meeting and noted the apologies received. He asked if there were any issues arising from the minutes of the LCDC meeting held on 10th July.

S. Ó Coistealbha requested that a copy of presentation from GRETB from previous meeting be circulated to the Members. No issues were raised by the Members.

On the **PROPOSAL** of M. Ward, **SECONDED** by D. Dowling, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) held on 10th July were agreed.

2 Tuarascáil ar deontais ceadaithe faoi Clár um Fheabhsú an Phobail 2018 Report on grant allocations for the Community Enhancement Programme 2018

K. A. Mortimer gave an overview of the LCDC subcommittee meeting for the Community Enhancement Programme that was held on 5th September to which she was Chairperson. Galway County LCDC was given an allocation of €143,401 for the Type A & Type B projects, with a recommendation of 30% to be ringfenced to Type A projects of €1000 or less. An extension of the CEP2018 was announced, specifically for Men's Sheds, with an allocation of €18,841 for Men's Shed that were affiliated with the Irish Men's Sheds association, giving an overall total of €162,242.

CEP Type A – capital expenditure of €1000 or less

The ethos of 1 grant approval per group was taken and all who applied under Type A received grant aid except for those who were eligible under Type B or the Men's Shed fund. The grants awarded either equalled the amount sought or was a max of €1000. 44 applications were approved grant aid totally €41,757 (29% of allocation)

CEP Type B – capital expenditure greater than €1000

The applications under this category were assessed and marked in line with the scoring matrix approved by the LCDC, with prioritisation given to projects targeting disadvantaged areas and/or disadvantaged groups. The total no. of applications under this category was 72 seeking €784,076 of grant aid. The remaining allocation available to Type B applicants was €101,644. It is proposed that 10 grants are approved under this category

CEP Men's Sheds

15 applications received under this scheme. Award criteria governed by the DRCD stated that only Men's Sheds that are affiliated with the Irish Men's Shed Association were eligible to apply. 14 of the applicants met the criteria and are being awarded grant aid. The one remaining applicant who didn't meet the criteria, it is proposed that funding will be provided from an alternative source of funding.

Four applications were referred to Galway City Council as the groups who applied were in the city jurisdiction. A list of the recommended grant awards was circulated to the Members.

T. Turley welcomed the approach taken in the assessment of the grants and that a wide spread of groups is being grant aided.

S. Ó Coistealbha, commended the work done and that he was fully satisfied that the requests of the LCDC was taken on board during the assessment, especially with the wide distribution of grant aid proposed. He also agreed with the movement of applications between the categories to maximise the benefit of the limited funding available to the LCDC and the redirection of some applications to alternative sources of funding, where feasible.

The Community Enhancement Programme grant allocations was approved on the **PROPOSAL** of E. Brown and **SECONDED** by D. Dowling.

3 Caiteachas i Gaillimh i rith 2017 agus maoiniú beartaithe chun tharraingt anuas do 2018/2019

Galway spend during 2017 and proposed funding drawdown for 2018/2019

K. Coyne gave an overview of the various programmes underway; -

CLÁR funding - is a targeted investment programme for rural areas that aims to provide funding for small infrastructural projects in areas that experience disadvantage. There are two measures that are led by

the Local Authority, Measure 1 - Support for Schools/Community Safety Measures and Measure 2 - Play Areas. In 2017, 13 projects were approved for the two measures and are fully completed. In 2018, a total of 15 projects were approved, 10 under Measure 1 and 5 under Measure 2 with a total approved allocation of €603,615.

Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme - is part of the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development and provides funding for the development of new outdoor recreational infrastructure or the necessary maintenance, enhancement or promotion of existing outdoor recreational infrastructure in Ireland. The scheme seeks to support those sporting and recreational pursuits based on use of the resources of the countryside that contribute to healthy active lifestyles and the economic and tourism potential of the area for both local communities and tourist visitors alike. In 2018, a total of 5 projects was submitted, four under Measure 2 - Medium Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Trail/Amenity Development (€20k to €200k grants) and one under Measure 3 - Large Scale Repair/Upgrade and New Strategic Trail Development (€200k to €500k grants), amounting to over €1m.

Town & Village Renewal - is an initiative under the Government's Action Plan for Rural Development with a focus on improving the economic development of our rural towns and villages. In 2018 a submission was made to the Department for 12 projects for a variety of works - which range from enhancement of town & villages, to promotion or public lighting type projects - with an estimated cost of €1.3m. A decision is still pending from the Department.

A general discussion was had amongst the members with regard the various scheme. Cllr. J McClearn commended the various schemes, in particularly the Town & Village Scheme citing the example of the village of Woodford that had benefit of getting funding under this scheme for new footpath and it was a great incentive to the local community who came together to do additional works such as clean and paint the derelict properties etc. Cllr. D. Connolly stated welcomed the funding being provided and said that there should be a focus on areas of disadvantage. He stated that continued support from GCC officials to the various community groups is vital to give them confidence to apply under the various schemes.

4 Leiriú – ar ráta dífhostaíochta (Eoin Brown)

Presentation - Unemployment rate figures (Eoin Brown)

E. Brown of the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection gave a presentation on 'Unemployment and Live Register in County Galway'.

There was a general questions and answers during the presentation relating to the information being provided and clarification on some of the statistics presented. The members had an in-depth discussion on CES, RSS & TUS and how such schemes can be a lifeline for some people. Especially those who live alone, there is a huge social aspect to these schemes, but it's becoming difficult to get a scheme to suit all, eligibility criteria can be very strict, there should be a special case made in exceptional circumstances. There are very little financial incentives for the individuals to participate and this should be reviewed. The concept of the schemes is great but the structure needs to be addressed.

T. Turley thanked E. Brown for his presentation and the members for their active discussions.

Presentation circulated to the Committee after the meeting.

5 Tuarascáil ar deireadh clár SICAP 2015 - 2017

End of Programme report for SICAP 2015-2017

A. Mallaghan advised the members that the end of programme report for SICAP 2015-2017 was published and a copy of the full report and executive summary is included in their pack for their information.

A. Mallaghan also advised that the SICAP sub-committee will also be meeting in early October to review the progress of the 2018 plan and to commence discussion of a draft plan for 2019. An email will be circulated in the next while with the various timelines and any suggestions/input the committee might have for the plan, please forward same.

6 Seachtain um Chuimsiu Soisialta Social Inclusion Week

A. Mallaghan stated that information with regard Social Inclusion week which is scheduled for 15th- 21st October 2018 is included in pack. There is an opportunity for community groups to apply for €100 donation towards an event that they intend on holding. It is currently open for applications from community groups to put forward their events for inclusion in the Social Inclusion Week event programme. The theme for 2018 is 'Health & Wellbeing'.

7 Dáta don chéad chruinniú eile Date for next meeting

Next meeting proposed to be held on Tuesday 13th November at 6.30p.m.

8 Aon ghnó eile Any other business

B. Barrett reverted to the Community Enhancement Programme and informed the committee that instruction has been received from the Department of Rural & Community Development not to release the information of the approved grant awards for CEP2018. The DRCD intend on doing a press release and have request all local authorities to hold off informing the groups, until further notice.

Cllr. J. McClearn expressed his gratitude to B. Barrett for all his work over the years in Galway County Council, the work that he has done for the various communities and wished him well on new position with Galway City Council. These sentiments were reiterated by several members of the Committee.

A. Farrell, Chief Officer, concurred with the various comments. He stated that B. Barrett's departure to pastures new is a big loss to the organisation and commended him on the significant contribution he had made to economic, social and community development in County Galway during his tenure with Galway County Council. He wished him well for the future and every success in his new position with Galway City Council.

Dan Dowling Vice Chairperson

T. Turley, Chairperson

Date: 13/11/2018

A. Farrell

A. Farrell, Chief Officer

Date: 13/11/2018