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**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee**

**County House, Lifford, 2.00 pm on 3rd September 2018**

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| **Members** | Clr Martin McDermott (Chair), Seamus Neely, Anne McHugh, Aengus Kennedy, Fionnan Bradley, Clr Niamh Kennedy, Jim Slevin, Susan McCauley, Susan McLaughlin, Paul Hannigan, Peter Walker, Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, James O Donnell and David Alcorn |
| **Apologies** | Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, Liam McElhinney Martin McBride Michael Tunney & Siobhan McLaughlin |
| **Chief Officer** | Paddy Doherty |
| **Attending** | Adrienne Kelly, Kathleen Browne & Gerard A Doherty |

**Welcome**

Clr Martin McDermott, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and thanked the members present for attending the meeting. Clr McDermott welcomed David Alcorn, representing Comhar na nOilean to his first LCDC Meeting.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Draft minutes of the LCDC meeting of 16th July 2018 were considered. The minutes were proposed by Clr Niamh Kennedy and seconded by Michael MacGiolla Easbuig.

1. **Matters Arising**

No matters arising.

1. **Community Enhancement Programme**

Kathleen Browne advised members that 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. The LCDC agreed at the meeting on 11th June 2018 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)

174 applications were received. The Municipal District breakdown of applications was as follows:-

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| MD | Large | Small | Total |
| Donegal | 16 | 10 | 26 |
| Glenties | 20 | 21 | 41 |
| Inishowen\* | 22 | 14 | 36 |
| Letterkenny | 12 | 21 | 33 |
| Stranorlar\* | 17 | 21 | 38 |

\*1 no application shared between Stranorlar and Inishowen MD

Members were advised that monies must be recouped by the successful groups by year end.

Members were reminded that at the meeting on the 11th June, the LCDC appointed a Sub Committee to consider the applications received and agreed the criteria for assessment.

Members were advised that the Sub Committee met on 22nd and 23rd August 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 (€500-€1,000)**

Need 25

Community Impact 50

Target Groups 50

Sustainability 50

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

**Donegal MD**

Large Grant

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| --- | --- | --- |
| CEP/D/4 | Donegal Family Resource Centre | €7,000.00 |
| CEP/D/6 | Donegal Dragons | €7,892.00 |
| CEP/D/25 | Dunkineely Community Centre Assoc | €7,000.00 |

Small Grant

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| --- | --- | --- |
| CEP/D/1 | Creevy & District Community Dev Co-Op | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/3 | Co Donegal Railway Restoration CLG | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/9 | Frosses Parish Hall | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/10 | Drimarone Development CLG | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/13 | Bruckless Community Centre CLG | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/16 | St. Theresa's Terrace Residents | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/18 | CLG Naomh Ultan | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/19 | Killybegs Community Council | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/21 | Donegal Bay Rowing Club | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/D/14 | Coiste Forbartha Ceantair Mhin anAoire | €1,000.00 |

**Glenties MD**

Large Grant

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| --- | --- | --- |
| CEP/G/1 | Aislann Rann na Feirste | €7,892.00 |
| CEP/G/12 | Narin Portnoo Rosbeg Community Co-Op | €7,000.00 |
| CEP/G/38 | Comharchumann Forbartha Ghaoth Dobhair | €7,000.00 |

Small Grant

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| --- | --- | --- |
| CEP/G/3 | Glass Mountain Media | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/4 | Creeslough Arts & Crafts | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/5 | The Creeslough view | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/6 | Pobail Le Cheile CDP, CLG | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/7 | Naionra Chnoc Fola | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/8 | AWAKE Tourism | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/9 | Active Retirement Dungloe | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/14 | Kilclooney Community Garden | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/16 | Foroige Rosses Youth and Family Project | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/17 | Clos Naomh Chonaill Residents | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/21 | Dunfanaghy Healthy Gardening Group | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/23 | Mná Phort Mhaise | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/27 | Forbairt Dún Lúiche | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/29 | Creeslough Community Assocation Co. Ltd | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/30 | Glenea United Football Club | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/35 | Club óige Chríost Rí | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/39 | Coiste Cultúrtha Loch an lúir | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/41 | Páistí Cois Mara | €500.00 |
| CEP/G/34 | Coiste Forbartha Mhín na Leice | €1,000.00 |

**Inishowen MD**

Large Grants

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| CEP/I/19 | ICARE | €7,048.00 |
| CEP/I/21 | Manorcunningham Comm Dev Assoc Ltd. | €7,036.00 |
| CEP/I/34 | Inishowen Community Media Network | €7,808.00 |

Small Grants

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| CEP/I/3 | Barrackhill Community Gardens | €500.00 |
| CEP/I/5 | Carrigans Tidy Towns | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/6 | Illies Communty Dev Assoc | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/8 | Carrowmenagh Community Centre LTD | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/12 | Malin Head Community Assocation | €500.00 |
| CEP/I/14 | Cockhill Youth Club | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/16 | Foyle Rowing Club | €600.00 |
| CEP/I/18 | Raymochy Parishes Historical Society | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/27 | Buncrana Tidy Towns | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/28 | Carndonagh Parish CES Co. Ltd. | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/30 | Manorcunningham Comm Childcare | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/4 | St Johnston & Carrigans F R C | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/22 | Newtoncunningham Tidy Towns | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/38 | Tullyarvan Mill | €700.00 |
| CEP/I/39 | Artlink | €700.00 |

**Letterkenny MD**

Large Grants

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| CEP/L/14 | Letterkenny Community Centre | €7,000.00 |
| CEP/L/26 | Coole Cranford Community Centre | €7,000.00 |
| CEP/L/31 | Domestic Violence Service | €7,892.00 |

Small Grants

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| CEP/L/1 | Swilly Rovers FC | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/3 | Comhlacht Fobartha An Tearmainn | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/4 | Fanad Day Centre Committee | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/5 | Naionra an Tearmann | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/8 | Fanad United Footbal Club | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/9 | Letterkenny Youth & Family Service | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/10 | Kilmacrennan Young at Heart Group | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/15 | Whitestrand United Football Club | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/16 | Otway Golf club | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/17 | Gartan Day Centre | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/18 | Ozanam Social Activity Centre | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/20 | CLG Baile na nGalloglach | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/21 | Milford & District Resource | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/23 | Carrigart Development Association | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/25 | We Care LK Foodbank | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/28 | Féile Carraig Arts & Culture | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/30 | Glenree United Football Club | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/32 | Kerrykeel Tidy Towns | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/33 | Milford park Development Committee | €500.00 |
| CEP/L/29 | Peter Bradley Foundation | €500.00 |

**Stranorlar MD**

Large Grants

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| CEP/S/12 | Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre | €7,000.00 |
| CEP/S/18 | Butt Drama Circle Co. Ltd. | €7,892.00 |
| CEP/S/19 | T.T Childcare Ltd by Guarantee | €7,000.00 |

Small Grants

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| CEP/S/1 | Raphoe Tidy Towns | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/2 | Gateway Writers Group | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/3 | St Eunan's N.S Raphoe | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/4 | Crossroads & Killygordon Ent CLG | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/6 | The Friday Club Lifford A.R.A | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/7 | Twin Towns Boxing Club | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/14 | Ballybofey & Stranorlar Womens Group | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/16 | Finn Valley Community Health Forum | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/21 | LATCH CLG | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/25 | Lifford Celtic Youths | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/28 | Donegal East Tourism | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/S/30 | Castlefin Celtic Football Club | €1,000.00 |
| CEP/S/31 | Raphoe Cathedral Hall Mgt Committee Ltd | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/35 | Convoy Community & Environmental Committee | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/36 | Castlefin 50-60+ Group | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/38 | Balor DCA | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/39 | Convoy Community Playgroup | €500.00 |
| CEP/S/40 | Planet Youth | €500.00 |

On the proposal of Peter Walker, seconded by James O Donnell, Members of the LCDC approved the award of grants under the Community Enhancement Programme to the groups listed above.

Paddy Doherty thanked members of the Evaluation Sub Committee for giving their time and for the work they had carried out in assessing these applications and the Men’s Shed Applications.

1. **Community Enhancement Programme – Men’s Sheds**

Kathleen Browne advised members that additional funding of €0.5m was allocated nationally to the Communities Enhancement Scheme for small capital grants for Men’s Sheds. The Scheme provides small-scale grants for Men’s Sheds who are affiliated with the Irish Men’s Sheds Association. Other than this requirement, the regulations covering the Grant are similar to the main Community Enhancement Scheme.

Members were informed that Donegal Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) would administer the Scheme on behalf of the Department. Donegal LCDC have been granted a fund of €31,884.00.

Members were advised that there were 22 Men’s Sheds in Donegal who are affiliated to the Irish Men’s Sheds Association. Kathleen confirmed that 21 Men’s Sheds had applied under the Programme. She further advised that unsuccessful applications to the main Community Enhancement Programme from Men’s Sheds were automatically included for consideration under this scheme.

Members were informed that the LCDC Community Enhancement Scheme Evaluation Sub Committee met on 3rd September to consider all applications. The Sub Committee agreed a scoring scheme as follows:-

Need 25

Community Impact 50

Target Groups 50

Sustainability 50

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

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| **Ref** | **Applicant** | **Grant Awarded** |
| CEP/MS/22 | Ballybofey & Stranorlar Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/2 (CEP/D/4) | Donegal Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/3 | Ballyshannon Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/4 | Letterkenny Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/5 | Cloughaneely Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/6 | Mevagh Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/7 | Rosses Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/23 | Glenties men's shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/18 | Dunfanaghy Mens Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/29 | Carn Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/21 | Moville Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/31 | Kilmacrennan Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/16 | Raphoe Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/19 | Killybegs Mens Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/20 | Rosbeg and Portnoo Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/24 | Meenanery Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/25 | Ardara Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/26 | Seid An Oilean | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/27 | Lifford Men's Shed | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/28 | Scioból na bFhear | €1518.00 |
| CEP/MS/30 | Castlefinn Men's Shed | €1518.00 |

On the proposal of Susan McCauley, seconded by David Alcorn, members of the LCDC approved the award of grants under the Community Enhancement Programme – Men’s Sheds to the groups listed above.

1. **Healthy Ireland Fund Programme 2018**

Paddy Doherty advised members that Donegal LCDC had been awarded up to €112,100.00 under the Healthy Ireland Fund Programme 2018. He confirmed that an advance payment of €16,815 (15% of the total fund) had already issued. Paddy confirmed that the Service Level Agreements would issue by mid September to the implementing partners.

1. **AOB**

Rural Ireland

Clr Martin McDermott raised his concerns in relation to the future of Rural Ireland. He suggested that the LCDC should, over the next six months, discuss actions and initiatives that can be undertaken by the LCDC to support the development and protection of services to Rural Ireland.

Members present spoke in support of this suggestion raising the issues of social housing, closure of banks and post office, youth emigration and the care of the elderly.

Seamus Neely supported the proposed discussion and emphasised the importance of highlighting the positive aspects of rural life. He confirmed to members present that funding for Rural Development would be available at a National level in the near future.

Resignation of Jim Slevin

Clr Martin McDermott confirmed that Jim Slevin had resigned his membership of the LCDC. On behalf of the LCDC he thanked Jim for his valuable service to the LCDC and to the County over the years. Mr Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, acknowledged in particular Jim’s valuable contribution to the work of forming the LCDC.

Jim thanked members for their good wishes and wished them well in the future.

1. **Next Meeting**

Members were advised that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, 15th October 2018 at 2pm in County House, Lifford