

**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee
 County House, Lifford, 11.00 am on 2nd May 2019**

Members	Clr Martin McDermott (Chair), Seamus Neely, David Alcorn, Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, Siobhan McLaughlin, Liam McElhinney, Andrew Ward, Padraic Fingleton, Susan McCauley, and James O Donnell
Apologies	Susan McLoughlin, Aengus Kennedy, Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, Paul Hannigan, Anne McAteer, Anne McHugh, Martin McBride 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 4th April 2019 were considered. Siobhan McLaughlin requested an amendment to the minutes to reflect the content of the presentation by the Intercultural Platform.

The minute was amended as follows:-

Donegal Intercultural Platform – Presentation on Building Intercultural Communities Project

Francine Blanche Breen & Hugh Friel from the Donegal Intercultural Platform joined the meeting and made a presentation to members on their Building Intercultural Communities Project which had the following strategic goals:-

- To establish a baseline document to map out diversity in the county and the range of issues for Black & Minority Ethnic Communities.
- To design and deliver programmes with Black & Minority Ethnic Communities to promote engagement with the project, community activation, social inclusion, social justice and equality
- To create a space for dialogue between minorities including Syrian refugees, statutory agencies and others

- To provide supports to remove barriers and facilitate inclusion.

Members were informed of the proposed actions of the BIC Project, with focus on supporting inclusion in local structures.

Members thanked them for the presentation and a discussion took place on the content of same – particularly the actions that could be undertaken to insure that minority ethnic groups are represented in the County.

The minutes as amended were proposed by Liam McElhinney, seconded by Susan McCauley, with no matters arising.

2. Big Hello – National Community Weekend

Kathleen Browne advised members that the Donegal LCDG Grant Evaluation Committee met on 15th April to evaluate the applications for the 'Big Hello' National Community Weekend – 4-6th May 2019.

Members agreed to divide the monies between each of the valid applications as follows:-

MD	Group Name	Grant
Donegal	Laghey Blast Festival	€ 242.64
Donegal	County Donegal Railway Restoration CLG	€242.64
Donegal	Lough Eske Community Development Group	€180.00
Donegal	Coiste Halla Noamh Bride	€242.63
Donegal	Cosite Forbartha na Carraige	€242.63
Donegal	Ballyshannon Reneration Group	€242.63
Glenties	Dungloe Street Feast	€200.00
Glenties	Cumann Staire & Seanchais Chloich Cheann Fhaola	€242.63
Glenties	Amharclan Ghaoth Dobiar	€242.63
Glenties	Awake Tourism (Cup of Tae)	€242.63
Glenties	Coiste Culturtha Loch an Iuir	€242.63
Glenties	Coiste Forbartha Mhin na Leice	€242.63
Glenties	Forbairt Eachla CTR	€242.63
Inishowen	Artlink	€242.63
Inishowen	Malin Head Community Association	€242.64
Inishowen	Inishowen Maritime Heritage Co	€242.63
Inishowen	St Baithins NS Parents Council	€242.63
Inishowen	Greencastle Community Development CLG	€242.63
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Inishowen	Clonmany Youth & Community Resource Centre	€242.63
Inishowen	Lands of Eogain	€242.63
Inishowen	Carrowmenagh Community Centre	€200.00

Inishowen	Culdaff Development Assoc/Tidy Towns	€200.00
Inishowen	Playdays Community Childcare	€242.63
Inishowen	Explore Inishowen	€242.63
Inishowen	Faillte Inishowen	€242.63
Inishowen	Moville & District Family Resource Centre	€242.63
Letterkenny	Lennon View Residents Association	€242.64
Letterkenny	Ray Community Group	€242.63
Letterkenny	Letterkenny Community Heritage Group	€242.63
Letterkenny	Letterkenny CDP	€242.63
Letterkenny	Forbairt Fhanada CTR	€242.63
Letterkenny	Lennon Festival	€242.63
Stranorlar	Finn Valley AC	€242.64
Stranorlar	Gateway Writers	€242.63
Stranorlar	Butt Drama Circle Ltd	€242.63
Stranorlar	Irish Countrywomens Assoc (Finn Valley Guild)	€242.63
Stranorlar	Lifford Celtic Youths	€242.63
Stranorlar	St Johnston Cricket Club	€242.63
Stranorlar	Balor DCA	€242.63
Stranorlar	Red Hughes GFC	€242.63
Stranorlar	Meenreagh Social Centre	€ 242.63
		€10,000.00

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

Kathleen Browne advised members that as indicated at the LCDC Meeting on 4th April, Michael Ring TD, Minister for Rural and Community Development, launched the 2019 Community Enhancement Programme (CEP) with initial funding of €4.5 million. €159,461 has been granted to Donegal LCDC for this Programme in 2019.

Members were advised that details of the scheme have now been received from the Department as follows:-

Similar to last year, the LCDC are the decision makers on the successful applications for funding. If they so wish they can consult with the Municipal Districts.

Funding under this Programme will be aimed at addressing disadvantage as identified in the LECP.

30% of the funding should be directed towards small scale capital grants of €1,000 or less.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 30th May 2019 and all monies must be expended by 31st December 2019.

Due to the early closing date, the Application Forms and Guidelines for 2019 were made available in advance of the formal approval of the LCDC at this meeting.

Members are now requested considered the scheme and regulations as circulated.

On the proposal of James O Donnell, seconded by Cllr Maire Therese Gallagher members noted the Community Enhancement Programme guidelines for 2019 and retrospectively agreed the following:-

1. To amend the guidelines to adhere to the payment guidelines set down by Donegal County Council
2. That no specific theme selected. Open to all capital projects that enhance local communities.
3. That the monies be divided between equally between each of the 5 MDs as follows
 - €10,000 for small scale capital grants (grants awarded to be no less than €500 and no more than €1,000)
 - €21,892.20 per MD for larger scale capital works (Minimum grant of €7,000)

4. Peace IV Update

Paddy Doherty to advised members that Donegal Peace Partnership, following approval from SEUPB had approved the following projects in the sum of €2,528,848 under the Children & Young People and Building Positive Relations Themes

1. A4 Youth Work Project – ETB, Budget €70,000
2. C3 Community Leadership Programme – ETB, Budget €230,000
3. C7 Restorative Practices – ETB, Budget €200,000
4. A8 Digital Media Project – DCC Regional Culture Centre , Budget €83,684
5. C5 (a) Living In Donegal – DCC Regional Culture Centre, Budget €50,000
6. C8 (a) North West Stories – DCC Regional Culture Centre, Budget €80,000
7. C8 (b) Intergenerational Project – DCC Social Inclusion, Budget €150,000
8. C9 Commemoration Project – DCC, Museum Services, Budget €145,000
9. A6 Empathy & Good Relations- Inishowen Development Partnership, Budget €99,785
10. A7 Minority sports Programme- Donegal Sports Partnership, Budget €140,000
11. A1 Youth Training Programme, Inishowen Development Partnership, Budget €52,000

- 12. A9 Divisionary Youth Programme, Foróige managed by An Garda, Budget €182,000
- 13. A10 Reading Rooms, Verbal Arts Centre, Budget €120,000
- 14. C5a BME Engagement, Donegal Travellers Project, Budget €209,979
- 15. C11a FMBS, Co-operation Ireland, Budget €59,450
- 16. A2 Marginalised Young People, Foróige managed by Tusla, Budget €182,000
- 17. A5 Every Story Matters, Budget €74,950- Friel Consulting/Mediate NI
- 18. C11b Former Combatants €190,000- Abhaile Aris
- 19. C2a, Cross Border Heritage, Budget €150,000- Inishowen Development Partnership
- 20. C2b Cross Border Heritage project with Mid Ulster, Budget €60,000

Members were further advised that the Grants scheme closing date was November 30th with €571,955 to be allocated with 22 applications being submitted. Paddy informed them that the following 9 projects had now been approved funding and letters of offer have been issued.

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

Shared Spaces Theme

Paddy advised members that the major project under Shared Spaces was the Multi-Sports Facility in Stranorlar with a Budget of €1,179,075 being allocated to this project.

He confirmed that the call for expressions of interest under Shared Spaces - Outdoor Play Areas had a closing date of 21st December with 9 applications being submitted. The Budget was €300,000 with 3 projects to be developed. The following 3 applications have been approved.

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

Members were informed that the call for expressions of interest under Shared Spaces – Re-imagining of Perceived Single Identity Spaces & Sensory Garden and Allotment Space was advertised with a closing date of 22nd March, 2019. 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 1 project.

Paddy confirmed that the following 5 applications had been approved under the Perceived Single Identity call.

Carrigans Old School House	€25,000
Clar Orange Hall	€45,000
Convoy Presbyterian Church	€40,000
Killymard LOL	€45,000
Rathmullan District Resource Centre/Historical Society	€45,000

Members were further advised that the following application had been approved under the Sensory Garden call.

I-Care Inishowen	€50,000
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Paddy advised members that the Total Programme allocation is €4,829,878.

5. SICAP – Showcase of Actions under Annual Plans 2019

Members were advised that representatives of the SICAP Programme Implementers were in attendance at the meeting to provide a showcase of members of the Actions under the SICAP Annual Plans for 2019.

Inishowen Development Partnership

Shauna McCleanaghan made a presentation to members on all of the Actions under Goal 1 and 2 for Lot 33-1 for 2019.

Donegal Local Development Partnership

Margaret Larkin made a presentation to members on Action 1.2 Support and Capacity for Lots 33-2 and 33-3 for 2019.

Louise Brogan made a presentation to members on Action 2.6 Enterprise Supports for Lots 33-2 and 33-3 for 2019.

Seamus Neely acknowledged the work undertaken by the Programme Implementers in delivery of the SICAP Programme and the importance of collaboration. A discussion ensued on the content of presentations and how to enhance networking and collaboration between the various agencies in the county.

Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, on behalf of members present, thanked the Programme Implementers, for their presentations.

6. AOB

Helping Hands

Paddy Doherty advised members that the Department of Rural and Community Development were holding a regional roadshow on 9th May 2019 from 7-9 in the Finn Valley Centre, Stranorlar, to provide Community Groups with advice and information on submitting funding applications.

Membership of LCDC – PPN Members

Paddy advised that the PPN Elections would be held in the next few months. He requested that existing members remain on the LCDC until the July meeting. He confirmed that the

LCDC would be seeking 5 nominations from the PPN for membership of the LCDC. Existing members who had not served three years on the LCDC could seek re-nomination.

Town & Village Renewal

Padraig Fingleton requested information on the Town & Village Renewal Scheme. Liam Ward advised that expressions of interest were being sought for the scheme and outlined the various headings under the programme. He confirmed that details of the scheme would be circulated to all PPN members.

Age Friendly Strategy

Clr Maire Therese Gallagher acknowledged the work of Mairead Cranley and her team on the development and implementation of the Age Friendly Strategy. Seamus Neely confirmed the progress made and the increased engagement through the Age Friendly Strategy. He confirmed that the new Age Friendly Strategy would be launched next week.

Local Elections

Elected Members of the LCDC were wished well for the forthcoming Local Elections and their work on and commitment to the LCDC were acknowledged by Seamus Neely.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for 2pm on Tuesday, 18th June 2019.

This concluded the business of the meeting.