



**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee
 County House, Lifford, 3.30 pm on 3rd November 2017**

Members	Clr Martin McDermott (Chair), Seamus Neely, Martin McBride, Cllr Niamh Kennedy, Cllr Maire Therese Gallagher, Jim Slevin, James O Donnell, Michael Tunney, Anne McHugh, Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig, Fionan Bradley, Paul Hannigan, Peter Walker, Anne McHugh, Susan McLaughlin, Máire Uí Mhaoláin and Aengus Kennedy
Apologies	Susan McCauley
Chief Officer	Paddy Doherty
Attending	Liam Ward, Eimear McDermott, Kathleen Browne, Adrienne Kelly

Welcome

Clr Martin McDermott, Chairperson, welcomed everyone and thanked the members present for attending the meeting. Clr McDermott welcomed Aengus Kennedy to his first LCDC Meeting.

Clr McDermott proposed that a letter issue from the LCDC Members to Ms Susan McCauley wishing her a speedy recovery.

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Draft minutes of the LCDC meeting of 27th September 2017 were considered. The minutes were proposed by James O Donnell and seconded by Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig.

2. Matters Arising

Mr Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig raised the issue of reprofiling of the Udaras na Gaeltachta Leader budget which had been raised at the last meeting. He queried whether any progress had been made on this issue as it was preventing the allocation of monies. Paddy Doherty advised that an email had been received and the matter would be discussed at the Leader Operational meeting to be held on 9th November.

3. LCDC AND LAG Membership

Paddy Doherty advised that the current structure of the LCDC was 19 Members from the following sectors:

Public		Private	
Local Authority Members	3	PPN – Community & Voluntary 2, Social Inclusion 1, Environment 1	4
Local Authority Officials	2	Local Development Companies – IDP, DLDC, Comhar	3

State Agencies – Udaras, HSE, ETB & LYIT	4	Sectoral – Farming, Trade Union, Business	3
Total	9	Total	10

Members were informed that there had been a vacancy on the LCDC since the resignation of the representative of the Business Sector in April 2017. IBEC advised that no nominee was available. In this regard, it was proposed to amend the LCDC Structure arising from no nomination from the Business Sector as follows:-

Public		Private	
Local Authority Members	3	PPN – Community & Voluntary 2, Social Inclusion 2, Environment 1	5
Local Authority Officials	2	Local Development Companies – IDP, DLDC, Comhar	3
State Agencies – Udaras, HSE, ETB & LYIT	4	Sectoral – Farming, Trade Union	3
Total	9	Total	10

On the proposal of Martin McBride, seconded by Seamus Neely, members agreed to amend the Membership Structure of the LCDC as per table above.

Paddy Doherty advised members that there was a requirement that a minimum of 51% membership of the LAG be from the private sector and that a minimum of 51% of members voting in favour of projects be from the private sector. In this regard, it was proposed to increase the composition of the LAG to 21 Members as follows

Public		Private	
Local Authority Members	3	PPN – Community & Voluntary 2, Social Inclusion 2, Environment 1	5
Local Authority Officials	2	Local Development Companies – IDP, DLDC, Comhar	3
State Agencies – Udaras, HSE, ETB & LYIT	4	Sectoral – Farming, Trade Union, Business, Fishing	4
Total	9	Total	12

On the proposal of Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by Clr Niamh Kennedy, members agreed to increase the membership of the LAG as per table above.

Clr Martin McDermott reiterated to members the importance of attending LCDC/LAG Meetings and confirmed that Members could change the time of the meetings to a time more suitable to them if this would result in increased attendance. Following a discussion, it was agreed to leave the meeting times unchanged until the end of the year and that a schedule of meetings for 2018 would be presented at the LCDC Meeting in December.

4. RAPID (Revitalising Areas by Planning, Investing and Development) National Capital Grants Programme 2017

Paddy Doherty presented members with an overview of the RAPID National Capital Grants Programme, details of which had been previously circulated. He confirmed that the LCDC had been allocated a fund of €64,500 to award under this Scheme. Clr Maire Therese

Gallagher sought clarification in relation to what qualified as an Urban Area. Paddy Doherty confirmed that the research and policy unit would provide a definition for this for the purposes of this Grant Scheme.

Members expressed their dissatisfaction at the very short turnaround time for this scheme and it was agreed that this matter would be raised by Clr Martin McDermott at the LCDC Chairman's Review Meeting on 24th November.

On the proposal of Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig, members agreed that

1. Monies would be divided equally between each Municipal District
2. That a maximum of two Projects would be selected for funding in each of the five Municipal Districts with a minimum award of €5,000.
3. The LCDC would form a four person Evaluation Committee to assess Applications received and award Funding.
4. The following members were selected to sit on the Evaluation Committee:-

Mr Jim Slevin
Mr Peter Walker
Mr Fionan Bradley
Ms Máire Uí Mhaoláin

All proposed members confirmed that no conflict of interest would arise with their membership of the Evaluation Committee.

5. Due to the very short timescale of the Grant Programme the LCDC agreed to preapprove the decision of the Evaluation Committee.
6. The meeting of the Evaluation Committee would be held on 27th November.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LCDC was scheduled for 21st November at 2pm.

This concluded the business of the meeting.