



**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee  
 County House, Lifford, 12.00 noon on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

<b>Members</b>	Clr Martin McDermott (Chair), Seamus Neely, Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, Clr Niamh Kennedy, Andrew Ward, Aengus Kennedy, Padraic Fingleton, Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, Anne McAteer, Charlene Logue, Kathleen Bonner, and James O Donnell
<b>Apologies</b>	Anne McHugh, Paul Hannigan, Jerry Early, Liam McElhinney, Siobhan McLaughlin and Michael Tunney
<b>Chief Officer</b>	Paddy Doherty
<b>Attending</b>	Liam Ward, Seamus Canning, Adrienne Kelly and 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 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were considered and proposed by James O Donnell and seconded by Seamus Neely, with no matters arising.

**2. SICAP – Budget Increase**

Seamus Canning advised members that notification was received from the Department of Rural & Community Affairs and Pobal confirming that the SICAP Budgets for Lots 33-1, 33-2 and 33-3 for 2020 had been increased by 3%.

Members noted the increase in the SICAP Budgets for the Donegal Lots for 2020.

Budgets for 2020 are as follows:-

Lot 33-1	Donegal Inishowen	€615,095
Lot 33-2	Donegal Gaeltacht	€363,582
Lot 33-3	Donegal	€1,090,507

Seamus confirmed that the Programme Implementers have been advised of the budget increases and that they were factored into their Annual Plans for 2020.

**3. SICAP Lot 33-1 – Annual Plan 2020**

Shauna McClenanaghan, Inishowen Development Partnership, joined the meeting. Shauna gave a presentation to members on the content of the SICAP Lot 33-1 Annual Plan 2020 setting out the detail of each Action under Goal 1 and 2 in the Plan.

Shauna confirmed that IDP were on target for a full budget spend in 2019 and that they would reach the KPI 1 and KPI 2 targets set for 2019.

Shauna confirmed that the 3% Budget increase would be expended across all the actions and that additional monies would be targeted on programme awareness.

Clr Martin McDermott thanked Shauna for her detailed presentation. He queried if a programme to raise awareness/educate the public on the importance of wearing Life Jackets could be implemented through Action 11 Farm & Fishing Sustainability Programme. Clr Maire Therese Gallagher supported this suggestion and also queried if education around Water generally, drinking water, waste water treatment could be introduced targeting young people in particular in conjunction with Change Makers.

Shauna confirmed that a number of programmes, with Change Makers, around water would be taking place. Shauna assured members that she would take all of their suggestions on board and will follow up on same. Clr McDermott thanked Shauna for her presentation and she left the meeting.

#### **4. SICAP Lot 33-2 – Annual Plan 2020**

Margaret Larkin and Louise Brogan, Donegal Local Development CLG, joined the meeting. Margaret gave a presentation to members on the content of the Goal 1 element of the SICAP Lot 33-2 Annual Plan 2020. Louise gave a presentation to members on the Goal 2 element of the 2020 Plan. The Actions under both Goals were detailed to members.

Padraic Fingleton, DLDC, confirmed that DLDC were on target for a full budget spend in 2019 and that they would reach the KPI 1 and KPI 2 targets set for 2019

Padraic also confirmed that the budget increase would be spend across all the Actions in the Plan.

#### **5. SICAP Lot 33-3 – Annual Plan 2020**

Margaret Larkin, DLDC, gave a presentation to members on the content of the Goal 1 element of the SICAP Lot 33-3 Annual Plan 2020. Louise Brogan gave a presentation to members on the Goal 2 element of the 2020 Plan. The Actions under both Goals were detailed to members.

Padraic Fingleton, DLDC, confirmed that DLDC would have a small underspend on their budget spend in 2019 due to a lower than expected uptake on Enterprise Grants. He assured members that the underspend was well below the 5% overall budget limit set for underspend. Margaret Larkin confirmed that the monies which would be carried over into 2020 would be spent on Action 1.1 FEAD Programme, as detailed in the Annual Plan.. Padraic confirmed that the KPI 1 and KPI 2 targets set for 2019 for Lot 33-3 would be reached.

Padraic also confirmed that the budget increase would be spent across all the actions in the Plan in the main. Louise advised that the increase would also be used to fund additional programme for New Communities (Action 2.1).

James O Donnell raised the problem of rural isolation and depopulation and he received assurances that this issue was being addressed in the 2020 Annual Plan for both Lots.

Clr McDermott thanked Margaret and Louise for their presentation and they left the meeting.

Clr Maire Therese Gallagher spoke in support of the issue raised by James O Donnell. She commended all of the Local Development Company employees for the work they are doing under the SICAP and other programmes but called for the government to take action nationally to address the issues facing rural dwellers – public transport, care in the community etc.

## **6. Approval in Principle of SICAP Annual Plans 2020**

### **Lot 33-1**

Members considered Lot 33-1 Annual Plan 2020, which had been circulated with the Agenda, and report from SICAP Sub Committee which was circulated at the meeting.

Members were informed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee consideration the Annual Plan 2020 for Lot 33-1 at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### **Budget**

Seamus Canning confirmed that the annual budget for 2020 for Lot 33-1 was €615,095. He advised that the Plan meets all the criteria set down in relation to budgetary checks.

### **Targets**

Seamus confirmed that the KPI Targets set by the LCDC are aligned with the targets set for Goal 1 (40) and Goal 2 (374).

### **Actions**

Seamus advised members as follows:-

#### **Goal 1**

- There were 4 actions under Goal 1 and the rationale and descriptions provided for the actions indicate that they are SICAP appropriate, well structured and realistic.
- The target groups identified offered a wide geographic and sectoral spread throughout Inishowen.
- The proposed actions were targeting the community and voluntary sector in Inishowen and are seeking to empower the groups and sustain the community. They sufficiently target groups in the Lot and prioritise the work of SICAP.
- A number of actions under Goal 1 meet the needs of the Emerging Needs Target Group (Rural Isolation – transport & connectivity)
- IDP will deliver all the actions in the Plan in collaboration with the partners listed in their Annual Plan.
- All actions have been linked to the relevant LECP objectives and action cost details have been uploaded against all 4 actions. The plan is assisting in implementing the LECP
- All proposed actions are to be implemented in conjunction with community groups in a way that is consistent with the horizontal themes of community development, equality and collaboration.

## **Goal 2**

- There were 7 actions under Goal 2 and the rationale and descriptions provided for the actions indicate that they are SICAP appropriate, well structured and realistic.
- The actions included in the 2020 plan are a continuation or expansion of last year's Actions.
- The Goal 2 actions target issues such as employment, wellbeing and progression, family supports and interventions, the unemployed and lone parents. The proposed actions are to be delivered across the Inishowen Peninsula and are targeting all identified SICAP objectives that make up sustainable communities.
- The Emerging Needs Target group – Rural Isolation – Transport & Connectivity, whilst not directly included as a core action is included as an underlying theme in all actions.
- IDP will deliver all the actions in the Plan in collaboration with a wide range of appropriate and relevant the partners who are identified in their Annual Plan.
- All actions have been linked to the relevant LECP objectives and action cost details have been uploaded against all 7 actions and the plan will assist in the implementation of the LECP
- All proposed actions take account of the horizontal themes of community development, equality and collaboration. Whilst Goal 2 is aimed at individuals it should be noted that equality and networking are important elements of the actions

Members were advised that the Pobal Review of Annual Plan 2020 for Lot 33-1 has not yet been received but any issues which arise will be amended by or clarified with IDP before the Annual Plan is finally adopted in February 2020.

Seamus confirmed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee recommended approval in principle of the 2020 Annual Plan for Lot 33-1 Donegal Inishowen.

On the proposal of Cllr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by James O'Donnell, members approved in principle the 2020 Annual Plan for Lot 33-1 and recommended that Programme Funding in the amount of €102,515.83 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be released to Inishowen Development Partnership.

## **Lot 33-2 - Annual Plan 2020**

Members considered the Lot 33-2 (Donegal Gaeltacht) Annual Plan 2020, , which had been circulated with the Agenda, and report from SICAP Sub Committee which was circulated at the meeting.

Members were informed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee consideration the Annual Plan 2020 for Lot 33-2 at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

## **Budget**

Seamus Canning confirmed that the Annual Budget for 2020 for Lot 33-2 is €363,852. He advised that the Plan meets all the criteria set down in relation to budgetary checks

## **Targets**

Seamus confirmed that the KPI Targets set by the LCDC were aligned with the targets set for Goal 1 (31) and Goal 2 (199).

## **Actions**

Seamus advised members as follows:-

### **Goal 1**

- There are 5 actions under Goal 1 and the rationale and descriptions provided for the actions indicate that they are SICAP appropriate, well structured and realistic.
- The actions included in the 2020 plan are a continuation or expansion of last year's actions
- All actions are eligible and relevant. It is proposed to deliver the actions through a large number of community organisations and actions are based on expressed community needs. The actions prioritise the work of SICAP across the Lot. The actions target identified SICAP objectives
- Actions which have 'People living in disadvantaged communities' named as the primary target group clearly name a designated disadvantaged area or indicate that the selection of the location will be priorities based on the Pobal Deprivation Index Maps.
- DLDC will deliver the actions with relevant stakeholders to add value to SICAP interventions
- The actions seek to connect and empower community organisations thus addressing the needs of the emerging need target group – Rural Isolation Transport & Connectivity.
- The actions selected support the achievement of the desired thematic outcomes
- All actions are consistent with the objectives of Goal 4 of the LECP – sustainable, inclusive and healthy communities and the plan will assist in implementing the LECP.
- All proposed actions take account of the horizontal themes of community development, equality and collaboration and will be implemented in conjunction with community groups in a way that is consistent with community development principles.

### **Goal 2**

- There are 7 Actions under Goal 2 and the rationale and descriptions provided for the actions indicate that they are SICAP appropriate, well structured and realistic.
- The actions included in the 2020 plan are a continuation or expansion of last year's Actions.
- The Goal 2 actions are based on identified needs, including carers, lifelong learning, disadvantaged young people and progression. There will be a wide range of impacts from the delivery of the Actions and the actions target identified SICAP objectives
- Actions which have 'People living in disadvantaged communities' named as the primary target group clearly name a designated disadvantaged area or indicate that the selection of the location will be prioritised based on the Pobal Deprivation Index Maps.
- Connectivity is an underlying theme of the Goal 2 actions and Transport is a requirement for the ambition of the plan, therefore the needs of the Emerging Need Target Group are addressed.
- DLDC will deliver the actions with a wide range of relevant and appropriate partners.
- All actions are consistent with the objectives of Goal 4 of the LECP – sustainable, inclusive and healthy communities and the plan will assist in the implementation of the LECP.
- Although Goal 2 actions are aimed at individuals quality and networking are important elements of the actions and all actions take account of the horizontal themes of community development, equality and collaboration.

Members were advised that the Pobal Review of Annual Plan 2020 for Lot 33-2 has not yet been received but any issues which arise will be amended by or clarified with DLDC before the Annual Plan is finally adopted in February 2020.

Seamus confirmed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee recommended approval in principle of the 2020 Annual Plan for Lot 33-2 Donegal Gaeltacht at

On the proposal of Clr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by James O Donnell, members approved in principle the 2020 Annual Plan for Lot 33-2 and recommended that Programme Funding in the amount of €60,642.00 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be released to Donegal Local Development CLG.

### **Lot 33-3 - Annual Plan 2020**

Members considered the Annual Plan 2020 for Lot 33-3 (Donegal) which had been circulated with the Agenda, and report from SICAP Sub Committee which was circulated at the meeting.

Members were informed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee consideration the Annual Plan 2020 for Lot 33-3 at their meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

### **Budget**

Seamus advised that the Annual Budget was €1,090,507. He confirmed that the Plan meets all the criteria set down in relation to budgetary checks.

### **Targets**

Seamus confirmed that the KPI Targets set by the LCDC are aligned with the targets set for Goal 1 (58) and Goal 2 (596).

### **Actions**

Seamus advised members as follows:-

#### **Goal 1**

- There are 5 Actions under Goal 1 and the rationale and descriptions provided for the actions indicate that they are SICAP appropriate, well structured and realistic.
- The actions included in the 2020 plan are a continuation or expansion of last year's actions
- All actions are eligible and relevant. They are to be delivered in partnership with the Community & Voluntary section and all will include a large number of community organisations and are in response to expressed community needs. The actions target identified SICAP objectives
- Actions which have 'People living in disadvantaged communities' named as the primary target group clearly name a designated disadvantaged area or indicate that the selection of the location will be priorities based on the Pobal Deprivation Index Maps.
- DLDC have indicated that the carryover underspend from 2019 will be spent under Action 1.1 – FEAD Programme (Food Poverty)
- The actions seek to connect and empower community organisations thus addressing the needs of the emerging need target group – Rural Isolation Transport & Connectivity
- DLDC will deliver the actions in the Plan with relevant stakeholders to add value to SICAP interventions and to avoid duplication.
- The outlined actions support the achievement of the desired thematic outcomes.
- DLDC will deliver the actions with a wide range of relevant and appropriate partners
- All actions are consistent with the objectives of Goal 4 of the LECP sustainable , inclusive and healthy communities and will assist in implementing the LECP

- All proposed actions are to be implemented in conjunction with community groups in a way that is consistent with the horizontal themes of community development, equality and collaboration.

## **Goal 2**

- There are 7 actions under Goal 2 and the rationale and descriptions provided for the actions indicate that they are SIAP appropriate, well structured and realistic.
- The actions included in the 2020 plan are a continuation or expansion of last year's Actions.
- The Goal 2 actions target are based on identified needs including, carers, lifelong learning, disadvantaged young people and progression. The actions target the SICAP objectives and there will be a wide range of impact from the delivery of the actions. They sufficiently target groups in the lot and prioritise SICAP work in the right areas.
- Where 'People living in Disadvantaged Communities' is named as the primary target group, a designated disadvantaged area is clearly identified.
- Connectivity is an underlying theme of the Goal 2 actions and Transport is a requirement for the ambition of the plan, therefore the needs of the Emerging Need Target Group are addressed
- DLDC will deliver the actions in the Plan with the relevant stakeholders
- All actions are consistent with the objectives of Goal 4 of the LECP – sustainable, inclusive and healthy communities and the plan will assist in the implementation of the LECP
- Although Goal 2 actions are aimed at individuals quality and networking are important elements of the actions and all actions take account of the horizontal themes of community development, equality and collaboration.

Members were advised that the Pobal Review of Annual Plan 2020 for Lot 33-3 had not yet been received but any issues which arise will be amended by or clarified with DLDC before the Annual Plan is finally adopted in February 2020.

Seamus confirmed that the LCDC SICAP Sub Committee recommended approval in principle of the 2020 Annual Plan for Lot 33-3 Donegal.

On the proposal of Cllr Maire Therese Gallagher, seconded by James O Donnell, members approved in principle the 2020 Annual Plan for Lot 33-3 and recommended that Programme Funding in the amount of €181,751.66 for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 be released to Donegal Local Development CLG.

## **7. Community Enhancement Programme – Change of purpose – Large Grant**

Kathleen Browne advised members that Drimarone Development Association were awarded a large grant in the sum of €7,000 under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019. The purpose of the grant was to purchase a ride on lawnmower and install covers over the tennis/basketball court at the centre.

Drimarone Development Association had contacted LCDC Secretariat to advise that due to difficulties with suppliers they were no longer able to proceed with the project which was awarded funding. The group sought permission to change the purpose of the spend for the regeneration of an area of the Cark Park at the recreation facility in Drimarone. The proposed project will involve all costs associated with drainage, compacting, levelling and concreting an

area of approximately 350m sq. These proposed works meet the criteria for eligible Capital Works as per the guidelines of the Community Enhancement Programme 2019..

On the proposal of Kathleen Bonner, seconded by Michael MacGiolla Easbuig, members approved the amendment of the purpose of Grant allocated to Drimarone Development Association under the Community Enhancement Programme 2019.

## **8. Schedule of Meetings**

Members agreed the Schedule of Meetings for LAG/LCDC for 2020 as follows:-

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>AM/PM</b>
January	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2020	AM
February	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	AM
March	10 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	AM
April	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2020	AM
May	19 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	AM
June	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	AM
July	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	AM
September	15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020	AM
October	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	AM
November	17 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	PM
December	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	AM

## **9. Healthy Ireland Fund**

Paddy Doherty advised members that the LCDC had received the Addendum to the HIF Round 3 Grant Agreement approving all the Actions in our Programme of Work. The full grant amount approved is €374,100. The addendum has been signed and returned to Pobal.

It was agreed that the Healthy Ireland Sub Committee will be responsible for evaluating applications for funding under the Community Mental Health Fund Small Grants Scheme, and recommending approval to the LCDC

This concluded the business of the meeting.