



**Comhairle Contae  
Dhún na nGall**  
Donegal County Council



Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Aitiúil  
Dhún na nGall  
Donegal Local Community Development  
Committee

**Minutes of Donegal Local Community Development Committee Meeting  
County House, Lifford & online via Teams at 11am on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

<b>Members in attendance</b>	Cllr. Niamh Kennedy – DCC, Micheal Mac Giolla Easpaig – Údarás, Brenda Hegarty – LEO, Padraic Fingleton – DLDC, Siobhan McLaughlin - PPN and James O'Donnell - ICMSA
<b>Members in attendance via Teams</b>	Cllr. Martin McDermott – DCC, Shauna McClenaghan – IDP, Anne McHugh – ETB, Maire Ui Mhaolain - Comhar na nOilean
<b>Apologies</b>	Maria Ferguson – HSE, Helen Nolan – PPN, Aengus Kennedy - PPN & Liam McElhinney – ICTU
<b>Chief Officer</b>	Paddy Doherty
<b>Attending</b>	Liam Ward, Ciaran Martin, Claire McCallan, Adrienne Kelly, Charlene Gillespie and Kathleen Browne

**Welcome**

Cllr. Niamh Kennedy welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

**1. Draft minutes of the LCDDC meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The minutes of the previous LCDDC Meeting, as circulated with the agenda, were considered.

On the proposal of Brenda Hegarty, seconded by James O'Donnell, the minutes of the LCDDC Meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were adopted with no matters arising.

**2. Local Enhancement Programme 2024**

Ciaran Martin advised members that the Local Enhancement Programme, with a national fund of €6m, would provide capital supports essential for the many small community groups and organisations, particularly those who serve disadvantaged areas in rural and urban areas.

He confirmed that the Local Enhancement Programme 2024 will support groups, particularly in disadvantaged areas to:

- Focus on small capital works/repairs/improvements, and the purchase of equipment for community use such as improved access for persons with a disability; enhancing

community participation for disadvantaged and marginalised groups and improving energy efficiency of community facilities to reduce ongoing costs.

Members were advised that Donegal LCDC have been allocated € 258,776.87 for award under the Programme. Ciaran reminded members that at their meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, the LCDC agreed to the following breakdown of funding awards:

Total	Administration Costs	LCDC Recommend		Per MD
€258,776.87	€5,647.39	Women's Groups	€ 43,129.48	
		Capital (Small)	€105,000.00	€21,000.00
		Capital (Large)	€105,000.00	€21,000.00
		Admin	€5,647.39	
			<b>€ 258,776.87</b>	

Members were advised that a large number of applications to the scheme have been received as follows:-

	Large	Small	W G	Total
Donegal MD	17	16	4	37
Glenties MD	19	17	6	42
Inishowen MD	22	17	1	40
Letterkenny MD	20	15	5	40
Stranorlar MD	23	29	5	57
	<b>101</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>216</b>

Ciaran advised members that the SICAP Grant Evaluation Sub Committee had met on 15<sup>th</sup> March to evaluate all applications and had recommended as follows:

### Women's Groups

Twenty-one applications were received from Women's Groups. This included Eleven large grant applications (€3,000) and Nine small grant applications (ranging from €520 to €1,000) with one application withdrawn. The Grant Evaluation Sub Committee recommended that each eligible application be awarded the amount set out below and to move the balance (€1,959) to Stranorlar MD Small Grants which had very high application numbers.

### Proposed Awards

MD	Ref	Group	Purpose of Grant	Amount
Donegal	LEP24/D/03	Killaghtee Active Retirement Association	Exercise equipment, Storage Container, Laptop & Television	€3,000.00

Donegal	LEP24/D/08	Mothers and Others at The Bluestack Foundation	Purchase of surround sound system and chairs.	€3,000.00
Donegal	LEP24/D/09	Frosses Knitting Group	Purchase of materials	€1,000.00
Donegal	LEP24/D/10	Women's Collective Ireland - Donegal	Purchase of four energy efficient panel heaters and a computer.	€3,000.00
Glenties	LEP24/G/06	Ardara LGFA	Refurbishment of Dressing Rooms & Kitchen space for ladies team use	€3,000.00
Glenties	LEP24/G/14	Mna Eascarragh	Laptops	€3,000.00
Glenties	LEP24/G/03	Sciobal Ban na Rosann	Equipment for Group	€520.00
Glenties	LEP24/G/05	Sheephaven Patchwork & Quilters Guild	Equipment for Group	€1,000.00
Glenties	LEP24/G/07	Sciobal na mBan - Gweedore Upstylers	Purchase of Tools	€1,000.00
Glenties	LEP24/G/13	Damhsoiri Dhobhair	Purchase of equipment	€750.00
Inishowen	LEP24/I /04	Spraoui agus sport	Improvements to Sewing Room & equipment,	€3,000.00
Letterkenny	LEP24/L/17	Cranford Women's Group	Upgrade of Kitchen	€3,000.00
Letterkenny	LEP24/L/18	Letterkenny Women's Shed	Sewing Machines, Steam Iron & Equipment	€3,000.00
Letterkenny	LEP24/L/07	Donegal Women's Centre	Purchase of large garden shed and equipment	€3,000.00
Letterkenny	LEP24/L/16	Donegal Women in Business Network	Laptop, bag, laminator & printer	€1,000.00
Stranorlar	LEP24/S/53	Donegal LGFA	Equipment for intercounty and underage teams	€3,000.00
Stranorlar	LEP24/S/54	Finn Valley Women's Football Club	New Training Equipment	€3,000.00
Stranorlar	LEP24/S/50	Volt House Ladies	Laptop	€1,000.00
Stranorlar	LEP24/S/51	Finn Valley Guild Irish Countrywomen's Association	Laptop	€900.00
Stranorlar	LEP24/S/52	Womens Group - Ballindrait Badminton Club	Sports & first aid equipment	€1,000.00

### **Small Grants**

The Grant Evaluation Sub Committee agreed to recommend the award of a grant to all eligible applications with one award per group and no award to groups who are awarded a large grant.

They further recommend that where all eligible small grant applications in an MD have received the maximum award available and a balance of monies remains it is proposed that this be allocated to the monies available for Large Grants in that MD.

This results in all eligible applications, who have not received a large grant, being awarded the full amount applied for as set out below:

#### Donegal - Small

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/D/01	Cully Hall Committee	Purchase new stainless steel kitchen shelves	€916.35
LEP24/D/04	Moyne Pipe Band	Purchase equipment - four new pipe chanters for the young bagpipe students	€626.50
LEP24/D/06	Moyne Ulster Scots Association (Youth Club)	Purchasing training equipment such as lego sets	€844.95
LEP24/D/07	Killybegs Community Kitchen	(1) Chefs PPE uniforms and (2) Contribution towards upgrade of toilet facilities	€1,000.00
LEP24/D/08	Barnesmore Community Development Association Ltd.	Supply and fit new radiators in the centre and replace doors and drawers of the kitchen.	€1,000.00
LEP24/D/09	Bord Na nOg (Realt Na Mara Bundoran)	Purchase of Goal Posts and Footballs	€1,000.00
LEP24/D/10	Áislann Chill Chartha CLG	Purchase of Paint or exterior of building	€575.84
LEP24/D/11	Bluestack Centre & Hostel/ Drimarone Development CLG	Purchase of 3 Air Fryers and a wireless radio microphone system	€968.00
LEP24/D/12	Pobail Páirtíocht Iar Dheisceart Dhún na nGall	Purchase of 3 laptops, 3 blinds, lockable press for laptops and 3 tables.	€1,000.00
LEP24/D/13	Pobail Páirtíocht Iar Dheisceart Dhún na nGall / Killybegs Mens Shed	Purchase of a printer	€462.00
LEP24/D/14	Donegal Railway Heritage Museum (County Donegal Railway Restoration CLG)	Purchase of marine-plywood and sheet metal to reskin the entire carriages	€827.00
LEP24/D/15	Coiste Forbartha na Carraige	Purchase of new self-watering hanging baskets for the village	€983.91
LEP24/D/16	Mountcharles Dyslexia Group	Purchase of chromebooks	€1,000.00
LEP24/D/17	G.R.A.S.P.	Laptop & Microwave	€1,000.00
LEP24/D/18	Dunkineely Community CLG	Purchase of PA equipment	€630.98

LEP24/D/24	Muileann Coirce Leitir CTR	Upgrading of entrance to car park and mill for traffic along the main road	€1,000.00
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### Glenties - Small

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/G/02	Arranmore Welfare Committee - Care of the Aged	Purchase laptop (including wireless keyboard & mouse), printer and separate monitor	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/04	Rosses V.I.P Group (Visually Impaired Persons)	4 Tables	€910.20
LEP24/G/08	Sciobol an Phobail	Purchase of Pool Table, Dart Board & associated equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/09	Dunfanaghy Mens Shed	Laptop, Projector & Screen	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/10	Ionad Oige Ghaoth Dobhair Bualadh Isteach	General Equipment - Pool cues, table tennis & Projector	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/11	Derryveagh Boxing Club	Ring Canvas, Repair of door locks/taps, Paint, replace equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/12	Choiste Chairde Bhun an Inbhir	Roof for Boiler House/Book shelves	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/15	Ein na Aoibhinn	Machinery & General Equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/16	Sciobol an Phobail	Paint & Painting Equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/17	Aislann Rann na Feirste	Purchase of Lawnmower & equipment	€949.00
LEP24/G/18	Pobail le Cheile	Replace Garden Shed & Purchase Lawnmower	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/19	An Machaire le Cheile	Roof Repairs	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/20	Hell Yeah Tri Club	Purchase of equipment for sea swimming & Safety equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/31	The Creeslough View	Purchase of Laptop	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/38	CLG Ghaoth Dobhair	Purchase of IT Equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/G/43	Coiste Seanscoil Thráigh Eanach	Renovation to building	€1,000.00

### Inishowen- Small

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/I/01	Malin Head Community Association Ltd	Purchase extra tableware, cutlery and kitchen necessities	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/02	Colgan Community & Resource Centre Limited	General equipment and DIY equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/03	Carrowmenagh Community Centre	Purchase a water softening unit	€825.00

LEP24/I/21	Carndonagh Christmas Tree Committee	Purchase of a suitable sound system for such events as Christmas Tree Switch on and NYE celebrations etc	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/25	St Bridget's Amateur Boxing Club Clonmany	Purchase of sports equipment - leather sparring gloves, sparring headgear, leather angle punchbags	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/26	Culdaff Football Club	Purchase a new strimmer for maintenance of grounds and a boot cleaner for teams after games	€995.00
LEP24/I/27	Inishowen Traditional Singers Circle	Purchase of printer/scanner and compatible toner cartridges for organisations day to day printing and scanning	€525.82
LEP24/I/28	Inishowen Rugby Club	Purchase of new modern type tackle bags	€1,148.00
LEP24/I/29	Buncrana Tidy Towns Initiative	Purchase of equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/31	Fort Dunree Military Museum CLG	Purchase of a power washer	€672.00
LEP24/I/32	Carn GAA	Upgrade the flooring in the clubhouse	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/35	Sliabh Sneacht Centre	Installation of gate to create safe play area for young people	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/36	The Mill River Conservation Group	Purchase of equipment to provide maintenance of the catchment for the Mill/Owenkillew river	€923.55
LEP24/I/37	Naomh Pdraig GAA Club	Purchase footballs and cones to cater for larger number of children	€1,000.00
LEP24/I/38	Foyle Beekeepers Association	Purchase microscope, additional hive to the new apiary and improve access to the apiary	€900.00
LEP24/I/33	Ceolan School of Music Community Group	Purchase a Jora compost tumbler JK270	€900.00

#### Letterkenny - Small

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/L/01	Kilmacrennan Community Development CLG	(1) Laptop and printer and (2) PAT testing kit	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/02	Letterkenny Amateur Boxing Club	Purchase additional training/sports equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/03	Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club	Purchase of a laptop	€879.00

LEP24/L/05	Mevagh Mens Shed	Purchase 6 no. charwood or similar dust extractors	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/08	Letterkenny Lawn Bowling Club	Replace the timbers in the ditches on the surrounds	€962.58
LEP24/L/09	Raymochy Historical Society	Strimmer, Printer & Lap Top	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/11	Carrigart Development Association	Purchase of tools and cement etc. flowers for 24 planters.	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/12	Glenswilly GAA	Purchase of one Concept 2 BikeErg	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/13	Churchill Community Development Group CLG	Repair Gazebo inside the childrens play area & repair the doors on the children's library	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/14	DPM Community Enterprise Ltd.	Purchase of a Laptop & Printer	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/15	Glen Rovers FC	Purchase of training equipment	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/27	Letterkenny Cathedral Quarter	Purchase of large Marquee	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/35	Letterkenny Community Centre CLG	Installation of Storage Container	€1,000.00
LEP24/L/37	Manorcunningham Orange Hall Management Committee	Purchase of 2 Security Lights, frame for oil tank and paint for building	€1,000.00

### Stranorlar - Small

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/S/01	Convoy Community Playgroup and Afterschool	Purchase of a computer/laptop and new camera for both preschool rooms	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/02	Raphoe Tidy Towns Ltd	Landscaping and purchase of two planter containers and plants	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/03	Ard Baithin Residents Group	Purchase equipment for the Growing area improving the common area to include planters, plants and seeds	€750.00
LEP24/S/06	Ballylennon Hall	Purchase equipment - fridge/freezer and tables	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/08	Finn Valley Community Health Forum	Scanner & Table	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/27	Parish Hall Committee Glenfinn	Upgrade the furniture (seating) within the building	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/29	Convoy Community & Environmental Committee	Repairs to the community scheme workers hut damaged by vandals	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/30	CLG Ghleann Fhinne	Purchase of sports equipment	€768.96
LEP24/S/31	Lifford Celtic Youths	Supply equipment for training and matches	€1,000.00

LEP24/S/32	Castlefin Celtic F.C.	Purchase of underage 5 -A- Side goalposts	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/33	Lifford Celtic FC	Supply equipment for training and matches and repair and replace Dugouts which were damaged in storms	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/34	Planet Youth	(1) Purchase of a table tennis equipment (2) A nintendo switch console & games bundles to	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/36	Twin Towns A.B.C	Purchase of boxing gloves for sparring	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/37	Lifford Clonleigh Resource Centre	Purchase recycling/waste separation bins by centre users and staff	€970.00
LEP24/S/38	Finn Valley Athletics Club	Purchase of a club camera	€800.00
LEP24/S/39	Ballybofey & Stranorlar Tidy Towns Committee	Purchase of two laptops for the B&S Tidy Towns Committee	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/40	Ballybofey and Stranorlar Chamber of Commerce	Purchase of dog litter bins for towns of Ballybofey & Stranorlar	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/41	Twin Towns Lost and Found Dogs	Purchase of a printer, scanner and photocopier and ink	€800.00
LEP24/S/42	Kildrum Tigers Youths Football Club	Purchase new training equipment including Defibrillator box, portable and full-size football goals, training poles, bibs, footballs and mannequins	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/43	St Ninian's Convoy Parish Church	Replace old tables	€1,000.00
LEP24/S/44	Lifford Association Tourism Commerce Heritage CLG (LATCH CLG) on behalf of Lifford Covid Community Response Group	Purchase an additional freezer in order to facilitate the space needed for the service to operate.	€924.00
LEP24/S/45	Lifford Association Tourism Commerce Heritage CLG (LATCH CLG)	Installation of 3 new CCTV camera and the upgrading of one existing camera	€816.00
LEP24/S/46	Longvale Community Fishery	Ground works to include construction of access to fishery including ground works for drainage work and laying a new stone entrance	€500.00
LEP24/S/47	Lifford Clonleigh Parish Community Centre	(1) Kit out one of the rooms as a meeting room (2) Update equipment in the Kitchen area (3) Purchase sports equipment for use in hall and additional tables and chairs for function room and	€1,000.00



		(4) Update the stage area of the hall	
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### Large Grants

Members of the LCDC Evaluation Committee had agreed the following scoring scheme for large grant applicants:

Grants to be scored out a possible of 200 with following breakdown:-

Need* –	25
Community Impact –	50
Additionality –	50
Sustainability –	50
Alignment to LECP –	25

\*The score for Need was linked to the Pobal Small Area Deprivation Index.

Ciaran advised the Sub Committee considered the preliminary evaluation of large grants which was carried out by LCDC administration and following further evaluation and scoring agreed to recommend the award of large grants as follows:

#### Donegal MD

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/D/02	Liquid Therapy CLG	Improve Shower facilities, Purchase two wheelchair accessible picnic tables and put sides on the covered area's to waterproof from the rain	€5774.76
LEP24/D/25	Malinbeg Development Committee	New floor covering, kitchenette, upgrade of toilets, furniture and games/sports equipment	€5774.76
LEP24/D/26	Realt na Mara, GAA Club Bundoran	Sanding & resodding of the pitch	€5774.76
LEP24/D/31	The Forge Family Resource Centre Pettigo CLG	Purchase of community photocopier, window cleaning equipment, sound speaker, socket set, shredder & bin	€5065.40
LEP24/D/32	CLG Naomh Ultan	Tarring area to provide disabled parking	€5774.76

#### Glenties MD

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
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LEP24/G/25	Pobal Eascarrach	Installation of partition walls, replacement of doors, installation of metal railings at entrance ramp, Purchase of 20ft storage container, installation of blinds for velux windows, purchase of cooking pots & vacuum cleaner	€5,285.20
LEP24/G/26	Creelough Community Day Centre	Construct & install disability access at back entrance, install 2 external and internal security cameras	€5,000.00
LEP24/G/34	Comharchumainn Oilean Arainn Mhor CTR	Purchase of new trailer for use by Social Enterprise	€5,285.20
LEP24/G/37	Dungloe Junior Band	To purchase suite of Drums, Snares, Bass, Accordions, Tin Whistles Mace & Uniforms	€5,285.20
LEP24/G/41	Local Youth & Family Services	Purchase of equipment for set up of new campus in Gweedore	€5,285.20

#### Inishowen MD

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/I/06	Clonmany Parochial	(1) Pull down screen and projector, installation of WIFI and access points (2) CCTV alarm system, scaffolding to ensure Health and Safety measure when works taking place (3) Lawnmower, strimmer, Stihl Br600 back pack leaf blower	€7,370.21
LEP24/I/23	"The Wee Hall, Culdaff" (Culdaff Community Association, WEE Hall Management Committee	Replace 3 sets of exterior double doors - to upgrade to energy efficiency and improve access for persons with disability	€7,370.21
LEP24/I/10	Inishowen Maritime Heritage CLG	Upgrade IT equipment, phone systems and cabling throughout the museum building to allow access to museum resources for staff. Researchers and the community who use the facility	€5,000.00
LEP24/I/17	Inishowen Children's Autism Related Education Limited	Purchase of PVC doors for 3 prefabricated units	€7,370.21

#### Letterkenny MD

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
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LEP24/L/04	Irish Wheelchair Association	(1) Replacement of counter top dishwasher (2) Purchase of wheelchair restraints for securing wheelchairs on accessible IWA bus and (3) Replacement of freestanding fridges	€6,002.48
LEP24/L/22	Mevagh Family Resource Centre / Meitheal Mhíobhaigh CTR	Purchase of stackable chairs with detachable side tables, replace blinds in family and youth room and storage for training room	€5,062.45
LEP24/L/31	Letterkenny RFC	Upgrade & modernise catering facilities	€5,591.00
LEP24/L/33	Kilmacrennan, Termon, Gartan, Churchill & Trentagh Community First Responders	Training & General equipment	€6,002.49
LEP24/L/38	Whitestrand United Football Club	(1) The construction of works to involve the excavation of holes, installation of posts in concrete to appropriate levels and disposal of the soil off-site including the supply of all materials, labour and plant (2) Upgrade of pitch	€5,500.00

### Stranorlar MD

Ref No.	Applicant Organisation / Group	Project Description	Proposed Award
LEP24/S/10	Lifford Community Gardens	Renovation of the Canteen/toilet building within the gardens to make more wheelchair accessible	€5,460.00
LEP24/S/15	Finn Valley Mens Choir	Purchase of sound equipment, keyboard, choir jackets & ties, music stands and photocopier	€5,460.00
LEP24/S/17	BASICC Ballybofey and Stranorlar Integrated Community Group	Purchase a speaker system to erect at the main carpark of the Twin Towns where the main events St Patrick's Family Fun Day and Twin Towns Christmas Switch on Lights	€5,250.00
LEP24/S/19	Crossroads and Killygordon Enterprise CLG (CAKE)	Purchase of machinery - (1) Tractor Mower (2) Back blower 79.4 cc (3) 1 Trailer	€5,460.00

On the proposal of Brenda Hegarty, seconded by Cllr Niamh Kennedy, the LCDC approved the award of Grants under the category of Women's Groups, Small Grants and Large Grants for Local Enhancement Programme 2024 as set out above.

### 3. Local Area Initiative

Paddy Doherty advised members that Donegal County Council has been chosen as a pilot location within the Department of Taoiseach driven Local Area Initiatives, which aims to strengthen existing statutory planning and implementation arrangements of local government and bring a renewed focus to consistent engagement with the community sector around local needs and responses. The initiative proposes to develop this aim through the identification and piloting of collaborative and data driven actions for a specified number of areas with needs for more intensive supports.

The initiative suggests that it should be possible to derive more benefit from existing targeted programmes and services by achieving greater coherence and co-ordination between different interventions and then enhancing targeted resourcing. This work should be done, after appropriate consultation with the local government sector, in small number of identified 'local areas' initially, which are experiencing significant social challenges as identified by the local community.

Paddy advised that the first step for Donegal County Council was to choose an appropriate small area or area of disadvantage in which to pilot the Local area Initiative.

#### Choice of pilot location

Members were advised that in looking at the pilot location within Donegal, it must be acknowledged that deprivation and social exclusion continue to present challenges in the Donegal Context.

The Local Area initiative to date had been focused on large urban centres and was based on a pilot in North Inner-city Dublin and will now expand to areas including Clondalkin, Drogheda, Waterford, Cork City and Limerick. Therefore, this programme would seem to be aimed at key urban centres within respective Local Authority areas that have a critical mass of population listed as disadvantaged, supports and agencies working to resolve issues around disadvantage and also local support structures to drive change in the community. Following an internal evaluation on Tier 1 and Tier 2A listed towns in terms of population and Pobal HP Index score it was noted that the small area in Glencar, Letterkenny listed as "very Disadvantaged", has 7 surrounding small areas classified as "disadvantaged", with a total population of all 8 small areas being 1,708. This population number living in areas classified as being "very disadvantaged" or "disadvantaged" would lead to a recommendation that the Glencar area of Letterkenny would be best served in terms of this pilot Scheme.

The Glencar area is also home to a strong Community and Voluntary sector, a Garda Diversion project located in the town and a number of State agencies and local key partners also working with the Community and Voluntary sector locally on a varying array of programmes and supports.

#### Implementation Boards

Paddy advised members that the Department of the Taoiseach was proposing the establishment of Implementation Boards to deliver Integrated Responses to Local Area Challenges.

## Membership

Paddy confirmed that the Board will be chaired by an independent person, unaffiliated with any of the other groups represented on the Board.

Members were advised that Gender balance should be sought to the greatest extent possible in the composition of the membership of the Board.

A Terms of Reference is to be drafted will set out the specific areas of responsibility. Membership will include senior, decision-making representatives from relevant agencies to a maximum of 15 members.

### **Initial Membership proposed by the Department.**

- Independent Chairperson
- Director of Services, Local Authority
- Chief Superintendent, AGS
- Local Area Manager, Tusla
- Local Area Manager, HSE
- Head of Operations/Youth Services, CDYSB
- Area Manager Local ETB
- Principal Probation Officer
- Principal Local Primary School
- Principal Local Secondary School
- Assistant Chief Inspector, Education Inspectorate
- Three Local Representatives (Community)
- Local Business Group Representative

Members agreed that a representative of the Local Development Company also be added to the Committee.

On the proposal of Brenda Hegarty, seconded by Cllr Niamh Kennedy, members of the LCDC approved the recommendation that the Local Area Initiative would become a sub-group of the LCDC and asked that partners listed as potential members of the Implementation Board as above would discuss representation in advance of the next LCDC meeting. Paddy Doherty advised that membership of the board would be finalised at the next meeting of the LCDC.

#### **4. Empowering Communities Programme (ECP)– Active Arranmore – End of Year Report**

Ciaran Martin advised members that as part of the LCDCs oversight role in the Empowering Communities Programme, DLDC were required to submit an End of Year Report to Department of Rural & Community Development on the ECP.

Members considered the End of Year Report on Empowering Communities – Active Arranmore, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. On the proposal of James O Donnell, seconded by Brenda Hegarty, members approved the report for submission to the Department.

This concluded the business of the meeting.