

**Minutes of Meeting of Roscommon Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) – held at 3pm on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025**  
in Loughnaneane of Roscommon County Council and on MS Teams.

**Members In Attendance – In Person**

Cllr. Larry Brennan, RCC  
Cllr. Dominic Connolly, RCC  
Cllr. Laurence Fallon, RCC  
Mr. Shane Tiernan, Chair, RCC  
Mr. Enda Cannon – Acting Head of LEO, RCC  
Mr. Eamon Hannan, HSE  
Mr. Kevin Conry, Community PPN – Social Inclusion  
Mr. Vincent Moran, Community & Voluntary PPN  
Mr. Ger Fallon, Community & Voluntary PPN  
Mr. Kevin Coyle, Environment PPN  
Mr. Pat Leonard, Farming  
Mr. John Bergin, Business

**Members on-line**

Ms. Carina Lennon, RLP  
Mr. Gabriel Trayers, Teagasc

**Apologies:**

Ms. Louise Ward, RCC  
Mr. Donal Walsh, GRET  
Mr. Eoin Power, DSP  
Ms. Martina Hourigan, Community PPN – Social Inclusion  
Mr. Pat Compton, Trade Union  
Ms. Helen Hunt, Brothers of Charity  
Ms. Fiona Ní Chuinn, RCC – Chief Officer LCDC

**Non members In attendance:**

Mr. Chris Flynn, RCC – Director of Services  
Ms. Cathriona MacCarthy, RCC  
Ms. Bridie McHugh RCC – Minute Taker  
Ms. Sharon Shally, RCC – Social Inclusion  
Mr. Conor Feighan, RCC  
Mr. Tomás Beades, RLP  
Ms. Denise McDonnell, RLP  
Ms. Niamh Nolan, RLP

- a. The meeting was opened by Shane Tiernan, who chaired the initial proceedings. Following the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting, the next agenda item concerned the election of a new Chair, as Shane Tiernan's term had concluded. A vote was held, and Cllr. Laurence Fallon was duly elected as Chair. He assumed the role immediately and presided over the remainder of the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Eamon Hannan would continue in the role of Vice Chair. The Chair sought confirmation that a quorum remained in place for the LCDC meeting to allow the Board meeting to proceed in accordance with Operating Rules 5.4-13 (Attendees). Bridie confirmed that the quorum requirement was satisfied.
- b. Apologies Louise Ward -RCC, Donal Walsh - GRETB, Eoin Power, - DSP, Martina Hourigan - Community PPN/ Social Inclusion, Pat Compton - Trade Union, Helen Hunt, -Brothers of Charity, Fiona Ni Chuinn – RCC/ Chief Officer LCDC

Agenda Item	Decisions Made/Actions to Be Taken	By Whom
<p><b>1. To reaffirm quorum in accordance with LCDC rules</b></p> <p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting 22.10.25</b></p> <p><b>Election of Chair and Vice Chair</b></p>	<p>Decisions Made/Actions to Be Taken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shane confirmed with Bridie that we had quorum to proceed with the meeting.</li> <li>• None</li> <li>• Minutes of Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October were agreed.</li> <li>• Election of the Chair took place – Those present voted by secret ballot and those online were happy to give their vote privately to Bridie outside of the meeting room via telephone. Counting of the votes took place in the meeting room, in the presence of present members and under the supervision of Cathriona MacCarthy and Chris Flynn. Cllr. Laurence Fallon was duly elected as Chair. He assumed the role immediately and presided over the remainder of the meeting. It was unanimously agreed that Eamon Hannan would continue in the role of Vice Chair.</li> </ul>	<p>Bridie McHugh</p> <p>Cathriona MacCarthy</p> <p><b>Proposed by:</b> Cllr. Laurence Fallon <b>Seconded by:</b> Cllr. Larry Brennan</p>
<p><b>2. Matters Arising - (Slide 2)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	<p>Cathriona MacCarthy</p>

<p><b>3. SICAP 2024-2028 SICAP Presentation by Implementing Partner</b> (Slide 3 - 12)</p> <p><b>SICAP Social Enterprise Grant -Roscommon LEADER partnership - Approval Required</b></p>	<p>Linda Devine completed SICAP presentation at the start of the LAG meeting to allow for better flow to the meeting and items that required discussion on the LCDC agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She spoke to the group about the purpose of SICAP, it's goals and target groups that are impacted by SICAP. She talked to some successful projects that the SICAP programme was involved in as well as events that took place through 2025.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rationale for Eligibility – Mo Chairde (Community Services Programme under RLP)</b></p> <p><i>Mo Chairde</i>, operating with the support of Roscommon LEADER Partnership (RLP), is a recognised Community Services Programme (CSP) initiative functioning as a stand-alone Social Enterprise in Keadue. Although supported by RLP, <i>Mo Chairde</i> maintains an independent operational structure, mission, and financial management system that aligns with the national definition of a Social Enterprise. The enterprise reinvests all surpluses into sustaining and improving its services, with its core aim being to address locally identified social needs rather than generating private profit. Its activities strongly support SICAP objectives, including promoting social inclusion, fostering sustainable social enterprise development, and providing meaningful local employment and community participation opportunities.</p> <p>Under the SICAP Social Enterprise Grant call in November, <i>Mo Chairde</i> applied for—and was recommended to receive—a grant of €700, subject to LCDC approval. This funding is intended for the purchase of essential equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moving and Lifting Trolley</li> <li>• Deep Freezer Unit</li> <li>• Calibrated Food Thermometer</li> </ul> <p>This equipment will be used solely for the operation and development of the social enterprise. The investment will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the enterprise's capacity to deliver high-quality, community-focused services;</li> <li>• Improve operational efficiency and long-term sustainability;</li> <li>• Support ongoing employment and training opportunities locally;</li> <li>• Enhance the social impact of the enterprise in line with SICAP goals.</li> </ul>	<p>Linda Devine supported by Claire Carty</p>
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	<p><b>Impact Across Multiple SICAP Actions</b></p> <p>Importantly, this investment will have a positive effect across several SICAP actions, not solely those relating to Social Enterprise development. By funding these items, the grant will free up internal resources within Mo Chairde, enabling the enterprise to expand and strengthen its support for other SICAP target groups. Specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It will bolster the implementation of Action G1-6: Age and Ability Friendly County, where Mo Chairde plays an active role in assisting older people and individuals with disabilities to remain connected, supported and engaged within their community.</li> <li>• It will indirectly support beneficiaries under Goal 2, including individuals engaged in employment, education, training, or soft-skills development. The freeing up of resources will allow Mo Chairde to continue transporting clients to and from support sessions, training opportunities or other developmental activities—a service that is essential in a rural area with limited transport options.</li> </ul> <p>By enhancing Mo Chairde’s operational capacity, this small investment will therefore deliver broad cross-programme benefits, supporting multiple SICAP goals and actions in a practical and measurable way.</p> <p>As Mo Chairde operates under the support of RLP, written authorisation from the LCDC is required to endorse the recommendation of the SICAP Grants Committee, which includes representatives from Roscommon PPN, GRETB, and SICAP.</p>
<p><b>SICAP VAT Approval</b> (Slide 14)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SICAP VAT REPORT – Presented to LCDC for approval</li> <li>• Approved and signed off by Fiona Ní Chuinn – See slide 14</li> </ul>
<p>SICAP Annual Engagement Meeting (Slide 15)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SICAP Annual Engagement meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025. It was attended by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Donnacha McSorley – Pobal</li> <li>○ Linda Devine, Claire Carty – Roscommon Integrated Development Company</li> <li>○ Eoin Power – Department of Social Protection</li> <li>○ Fiona Ní Quinn, Cathriona MacCarthy, Sharon Shally – Roscommon County Council</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Proposed by:** Cllr. Domnick Connolly  
**Seconded by:** Eamon Hannan

Sharon Shally  
**Proposed by:** Kevin Coyle  
**Seconded by:** Eamon Hannan

<p><b>4. LCDC Membership and Updates</b> (Slide 16)</p>	<p>Bridie McHugh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Hunt – Brothers of Charity – 3 year term ceases 19.12.25. We have reached out to Helen and Brothers of Charity to see if Helen will be extending her membership for a further 3 years or if Brothers of Charity will be nominating a different representative. We await their decision.</li> <li>• LCDC Education was completed with Martina Hourigan and Donal Walsh on 17.11.25. It was completed by Fiona and Tomás. 1 member, John Bergin has yet to receive the education but this will happen in the New Year. Bridie will send out suggested dates to John.</li> <li>• LCDC National and Local Communications Campaign – An update meeting took place on 01.02.25 in Ballina. This was in association with the Department and Match Marketing Consultants. It was attended by Fiona Ní Chuinn, Bridie McHugh, Vincent Moran and Kevin Conroy. New Campaign details will be distributed to the point of contacts in Q3.</li> </ul>
<p><b>5 . LECP Update</b> (Slide 17)</p>	<p>Cathriona MacCarthy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation Summary Plan– This was emailed to the LCDC Members and various stakeholders on 28.11.25 – Below extract.</li> </ul> <p>We discussed the rollout of the review of the LECP at our last LCDC Meeting.</p> <p>As we will be 2 years into the Roscommon LECP at the end of 2025, it is critical that we push on with the review and request all stakeholders to feed back on their relevant actions.</p> <p>Please see attached review document which has been designed in house to capture all actions achieved in the first 2 years of the LECP. The ask of members is to feedback your responses by 31<sup>st</sup> December to Conor Feighan <a href="mailto:cfeighan@roscommoncoco.ie">cfeighan@roscommoncoco.ie</a></p> <p>I would ask that you would engage with your own relevant stakeholders to ensure that feedback is given.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LECP – Next Steps- We await all feedback to be received and a review will then take place.</li> </ul>

**7 . Funding Updates**  
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- **Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2025– For noting**
  - Claims from approved community group applications are being processed with payment to follow as claims are validated. Conor Feighan is currently working on this programme
- **Local Enhancement Programme (LEP) 2026**
  - The Local Enhancement Programme 2026 will open 19<sup>th</sup> January and close 27<sup>th</sup> February for applications.
- **Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024**
  - All drawdown requests and documentation for Interim Payment 1 for the groups was required to be submitted to the Department by the end of November, and this has been completed.

Project	Claim 1 Amount
Kilbride Community Centre CLG. - Kilbride Community Bus	€48,908.00
Boyle FRC Counselling & Psychotherapy Centre Renovation and Expansion Project	€39,017.00
Roscommon LEADER Partnership - The Growing Tree	€406,774.24
Monksland Recreational and Playground Permeability Project	€42,216.33
Castlereagh Town Team - Castlereagh Swimming Pool Improvements	€33,925.70
South Roscommon Family Resource Centre	N/A

**8. A.O.B**  
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- Laurance sought to see if anyone had any AOB to discuss
- Shane wished to acknowledge Cathriona’s move to Leitrim County Council. He thanked her for all her hard work with Roscommon County Council and said how she would be sorely missed. This was echoed by other members of the Committee.



Signed:

Chairperson



Date

Signed:



Chief Officer



Date