

Minutes of Meeting of Roscommon Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) – held at 3pm on 25th February 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. Eamon Hannan, HSE
Mr. Gabriel Trayers, Teagasc
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. John Bergin, Business
Ms. Martina Hourigan, Community PPN – Social Inclusion

Members on-line

Ms. Carina Lennon, RLP
Mr. Pat Leonard, Farming
Mr. Eoin Power, DSP
Mr. Pat Compton, Trade Union

Apologies:

Mr. Shane Tiernan, Chair, RCC
Ms. Louise Ward, RCC
Mr. Donal Walsh, GRETB
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. 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

| Agenda Item | Decisions Made/Actions to Be Taken | By Whom |
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| <p>1. To reaffirm quorum in accordance with LCDC rules</p> <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Minutes of Last Meeting 11.12.25</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laurence confirmed with Bridie that we had quorum to proceed with the meeting – 17 members in attendance • None • Minutes of Meeting 11th December were agreed. | <p>Bridie McHugh</p> <p>Cllr. Laurence Fallon</p> <p>Proposed by: Martina Hourigan Seconded by: Cllr. Larry Brennan</p> |
| <p>2. Matters Arising - (Slide 2)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None | <p>Cllr. Laurence Fallon</p> |
| <p>3. Annual Conflict of Interest Declaration and Register of Interests Declaration (Slide 3)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris informed the group that, in accordance with the 2327 Operating Rules – Section 5.4.6 Conflict of Interest, the Annual Conflict of Interest Declaration and the Register of Interests Declaration templates must be completed and signed by all LAG decision-making members, LAG Evaluation Committee members, and staff of LAGs and their Implementing/Animating Partners for 2026. He noted that ideally this process should have been completed in January. • Chris thanked those who had already submitted their forms and urged anyone who had not yet done so to complete and return them as soon as possible. He advised that Bridie had paper copies available and would distribute them to individuals after the meeting. It was also agreed that Bridie would email the required documents to anyone who preferred to complete them online. • Chris also confirmed that an audit of the 2025 Conflict of Interest forms was carried out on 17th December by a member of the DRCDG, and that the group successfully passed the audit. | <p>Chris Flynn</p> |

4. SICAP 2024-2028

**SICAP Presentation
by Donal Walsh
GRETB
(Slide 4 - 12)**

**2025 End of Year Review
– Approval Required**

**2026 Annual Plan –
Approval Required**

- Donal gave a brief recap on the And the SICAP core principles.
- He provided an update on the Pobal feedback and informed the group of the SICAP Sub Committee’s recommendation, noting that the Sub Committee had recommended to the LCDC the approval of the SICAP 2025 End-of-Year Review. He also provided some end of year review highlights and grants awarded to Local Community Group Grants to the Committee.
- He provided an update on the Pobal feedback and once again informed the group of the SICAP Sub Committee’s recommendation, noting that the Sub Committee had recommended to the LCDC the approval of the SICAP 2026 Annual Plan. He advised of the Budget for 2026, for SICAP and New Arrivals. He also stated what the Annual Targets for 2026 would also be.
- Gerard Fallon raised 2 questions in relation to the SICAP presentation. He noted that while the Presentation at the previous LCDC Meeting was very good, it was very much high level. Following this comment, Cllr Laurance Fallon proposed that he would bring in groups to complete presentations as the Board needs to know a greater level of detail. He advised that Linda had agreed to do that.
- Gerard Fallon also had questions in relation to the Community Bus/Vehicle. He wished to know the answer to the following:
 - (i) What is the criteria for hiring the Community Bus
 - (ii) Where is it based/located
 - (iii) How do people know about it

Donal Walsh (GRETB)

Proposed by: Cllr. Domnick Connolly
Seconded by: Vincent Moran

Proposed by: Kevin Coyle
Seconded by: Cllr. Domnick Connolly

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| | <p>Carina Lennon attempted to answer the question, however she advised that it was probably better that Linda Devine respond to these questions. It was agreed that these questions would be raised to Linda.</p> | |
| <p>5. LCDC Membership and Updates (Slide 13)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Hunt – Brothers of Charity Representative – 3-year term ceased 19.12.25. We reached out the Brothers of Charity to see if Helen was to continue as the nominee for the group or if they wished to put forward a new nominee. Maria Murphy – Roscommon Services Sector Manager confirmed on 20.01.26 that her membership would continue for a further 3 years • Pat Compton– Irish Congress of Trade Unions– 3-year term will cease 27.02.26. We reached out the Irish Congress of Trade Unions to see if Pat was to continue as the nominee for the group or if they wished to put forward a new nominee. Owen Reidy – General Secretary confirmed on 20.01.26 that Congress wished to re-nominate Pat for a second three-year term on the LCDC. • Chris thanked both Helen and Pat for their valued contribution and accepting a further 3-year term. • Grant Evaluation Sub Committee: The LCDC has a Grant evaluation subcommittee that adjudicate on grants. Committee members were Shane Tiernan, Cllr. Laurence Fallon and the late Michael Ewing (R.I.P.) Following the passing of Michael, we are looking for a Private Community representative of the LCDC to replace Michael on this committee. Cllr. Laurence Fallon suggested that in the interest of gender balance on committees that a female be elected to the Committee. This was agreed by all members. He suggested Martina Hourigan be that Committee member and she accepted. | <p>Chris Flynn</p> <p>Proposed by: Cllr. Larry Brennan Seconded by: Cllr. Domnick Connolly Agreed by all.</p> |

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| <p>5 . LECP Update (Slide 14)</p> | <p>Chris Flynn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LECP 2023-2029 – Next Steps • Work on the review document is now nearing completion. The next phase will involve examining the existing Action Description within the LECP to determine whether they should be updated, amended, or whether new actions are required. Since the LECP was first adopted, societal and local circumstances may have evolved, and this review phase allows us to reflect those changes (e.g., Integration, Local Community Safety Partnership). • We will also explore the development of a social media campaign or platform to engage with the public, gather their feedback, and identify whether additional action items should be considered. • In addition, statistical insights from the CSO and Maynooth University will be available to support our analysis and may inform any adjustments needed to our action points. |
| <p>7 . Funding Updates (Slide 15)</p> | <p>Chris Flynn</p> <p>Local Enhancement Programme (LEP)- For Noting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP 2025 – Budget of €151,685.62. €144,417.75 spent out of budget. 125/127 grant claims paid out on. We have submitted request to Department that remaining €7,267.87 from 2025 can be rolled over into LEP 2026 budget. LEP 2025 is now closed. • LEP 2026 – Closing date for applications is Friday 27th February. Budget for 2026 is €153,829.73. 59 applications have been received as of this morning with amount totalling €180,961.11. Significantly more applications are expected in the final days prior to the deadline (44 applications on system in draft format). <p>Community Recognition Fund (CRF) 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications continue to happen between RCC, the DRCDG and the Community Groups. Progress meetings are currently being scheduled with the groups to see how they are progressing as the Fund draws to a close in November this year. |

| Project | Amount Approved | Claim 1 Amount | Claim 2 Amount | Remaining amount |
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| Kilbride Community Centre CLG - Kilbride Community Bus | €58,045.00 | €46,906.00 | | €9,137.00 |
| Boyle FRC Counselling & Psychotherapy Centre Renovation and Expansion Project | €146,000.00 | €39,017.00 | | €106,983.00 |
| Roscommon LEADER Partnership - The Growing Tree | €500,000.00 | €406,774.24 | | €93,225.76 |
| Meisland Recreational and Playground Permeability Project | €80,000.00 | €42,216.33 | | €37,783.67 |
| Castlereagh Town Team - Castlereagh Swimming Pool Improvements | €73,000.00 | €33,925.70 | €12,116.77 | €26,968.53 |
| South Roscommon Family Resource Centre | €50,929.00 | N/A | | €50,929.00 |
| TOTAL | €917,974.00 | €870,841.27 | €12,116.77 | €38,016.96 |

8. A.O.B
(Slide 16)

- Laurence sought to see if anyone had any AOB to discuss
- Kevin Coyle asked if it was possible to have a printed copy of the minutes available before the meeting as he is unable to open his attachments. It was agreed that Bridie would arrange copy of same.
- Next LCDC Meeting Wednesday 22nd April at 3pm in the Loughnaneane Suite and MS Teams

Signed:



Chairperson

Date

22/4/26

Signed:



Chief Officer

Date

22/4/26