



Comhpháirtíocht Leader Waterford Leader
Phort Láirge Partnership

Decision of Evaluation Committee

Project ID	31LDRWAT111376
Project Type:	Capital
Project Name:	Clonea Power Community Hall Restoration
Promoters Name:	Clonea Power Old School CLG
Address:	Clonea Power Old School House, Clonea Power, Co. Waterford
Description:	Funding is required to restore the old school house hall in Clonea Power which is a protected structure and limited for community use due to the poor condition of the facility. This is the sole community space in the village and at the heart of the community with its location beside the church and opposite the school. The village has not received any real support and is a midway point between Kilmacthomas and the Greenway to the Comeragh Mountains.
Theme:	L05 Social Inclusion
Sub-theme:	SA 5.1 Basic services targeted at hard to reach communities
Link to LDS	Supporting community facilities in hard to reach communities where current facilities are lacking or in poor condition

Total Project Costs	€357,525
Eligible Project Costs	€357,525
Funding sought by promoter:	€200,000
State one of the following: - First Review / Previously Deferred or Not Recommend	Previously deferred
Funding recommended by Evaluation Committee:	A maximum of €200,000.00 or 55.94014% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser
Details of private funding:	€92,152.11 In house funds
Voluntary Labour: YES / NO (If yes provide detail)	N/A
Synopsis of project:	Restoration of the old school house in Clonea Power which will facilitate a more user friendly and efficient community space for the community which is currently lacking

Detail exactly what WLP will be funding (List items from Project Assessment Report)	Detail	Total Cost (Expenditure)	Grant Aid recommend by the Evaluation Committee @ 55.94014%
	Restoration works	€357,525	€200,000
Total Funding		€357,525	€200,000
Was an assessment completed?: Date:	Yes on the 29 th Jan 2020		
Are detailed costings provided for the project? Were the costs for the project considered reasonable and how was this measured?	Yes, eTendering was used to procure the contractor based on the most viable lowest value tender.		
Where the procurement process resulted in less than 3 quotes, the EC must show the additional steps taken to ensure the reasonableness of costs:	Not applicable		
Innovative Element of the project:	The project will restore and preserve this beautiful heritage building in the heart of the village adjacent to the church and school and will become the community focal point and meeting place going forward		
Consideration of Deadweight:	The promoters are dependent on Leader support to restore the building as their annual income through fund raising solely supports the operational cost of the centre		
Consideration of Displacement:	Displacement is not an issue as the project would compliment other community facilities elsewhere		
Economic justification for project:	This community has not received any previous grant aid and the funding secured will restore and preserve this iconic building in the heart of the village but also allowing the committee to run events/concerts etc that could generate an income to cover running costs etc. The building is beside the church which can cater for events such as funerals, social get together after mass to prevent isolation etc.		
Average Score for Project:	The project scored 80/100		
% level of aid & ceiling:	55.94014% up to a maximum of €200,000		
E. C. Executive Summary/Rationale for Funding	The Evaluation Committee agreed to recommend funding this project for the following reasons: - 1. The project scored 80/100 2. The project fits the Local Development Plan (LDS) for providing Basic Services for rural communities. 3. The promoters have the skills and expertise to successfully implement the project. A maximum of €200,000.00 or 55.94014% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser		

Jobs Created	Jobs Sustained	Match Funding	Previous Grant Aid Received
0	0	€92,152.11 In house funds	€0

Confirmation on the applicant's position re De-Minimus and double from the relevant agencies.	Date of Confirmation	Signed By
Emailed project details to Vinnie O'Shea, Town & Village Renewal, WC&CC on the 2 nd December '19	No response forthcoming	

Detail of Discussion: 13 1 2020 Project Deferred for further information: -

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Ms Claire advised that the old schoolhouse is the only community facility in Clonea Power and is in dire need of renovation. This project will preserve a listed building and provide a comfortable space for community activities. It currently houses a community playgroup in one section.
- The community group provide catering for local funerals as they are located next door to the church and have trialled a Vintage tea rooms after mass and had a great response. It is being proposed that this will be done on a more formal basis by providing a community pop up café as required.
- The promoter plan to cater to the senior citizens living in isolated areas by providing a strategic meeting place for them to socialise. The hall will support a variety of classes and cater for events due to its location beside the church.
- Ms Connors advised that the promoters went through e-tenders and received three valid quotations. The successful tender being selected based on the 2nd lowest value tender as the lowest was eliminated due to being abnormally low compared to current market prices.
- Ms Connors pointed out that the fees from the playgroup seem to be very low.
- The Evaluation Committee expressed the opinion that they are very supportive of the project and would like to see it funded but are concerned about the level of debt.
- Ms Connors advised that WLP recently held some community training there and that the local community had a very strong representation there. They are a very committed group and are actively looking at ways of generating footfall. From this training they are going to try and position themselves as the gateway between Kilmacthomas and the Comeragh Uplands areas by providing a stopping point for walkers and cyclists either visiting the Greenway or the Comeraghs.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that the promoters put a lot of effort into the application noting that it was very well written.
- As the income in 2018 was only €3053 it was queried how they propose to repay the loan. Ms Connors replied that they have a goal set of raising €20,000 per year to service the loan and other requirements.
- A discussion ensued on the use of the building and the Committee noted that the promoters would need to look at firming up additional income streams to service the proposed loan.
- Ms Connors noted that with the new kitchen facilities they will be able to formalise the catering services. Up to now what they have been doing has been limited; more of as a community service rather than an income generation product.
- It was noted that ideally this project would benefit from philanthropic funding to decrease the loan burden on the community.
- The Evaluation Committee discussed Ballyhale in Co. Kilkenny and what they achieved for their local community.

- It was confirmed that the promoter has approval for the loan and bridging finance from Clann Credo subject to Rural Development funding.
- The Committee agreed that they would love to fund the project as it is part of keeping the community alive. It is also in an area where LEADER does not have much of a presence.

The Evaluation Committee agreed to defer this project until they receive further information on income streams and how they plan to service the debt.

Detail of Discussion: 10 2 2020 Project Approval Recommended: -

The following were the main points raised in the discussion of the project: -

- Ms. Claire Connors noted that at the previous meeting the Evaluation Committee has serious concerns regarding the loan financing. The group are making approx. €20k per year which is not enough to service the loan and cover overheads. Since then TOMAR Trust has offered Clonea Power Community Hall Restoration a donation of €73,000 for their project. This contract has now been signed and agreed by both parties reducing the Clann Credo loan. The loan has been secured over a 9-year term with the first year being interest free.
- The Evaluation Committee agreed that with this donation their fears regarding the level of debt has been allayed.
- They believe the promoters have the skills and expertise to successfully implement the project.
- The project fits in with the Co Waterford LCDC Plan for Basic Services.

The Evaluation agreed to recommend funding this project to the Waterford LCDC as presented.

A maximum of €200,000.00 or 55.94014% of eligible expenditure, whichever is the lesser

Amount Recommended: €200,000	55.94014% % of Eligible Project Funding: €357,525
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Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Chairperson of Evaluation Committee Committee Member

Date: _____ Date: _____

Issues / Queries raised by Evaluation Committee	Project Officers Response

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

WLP Project Officer

Please insert photos below of reference purposes:





Overall Evaluation Committee Scoring Record

Date: 10th Feb 2020

Time: 11.30am

Project Title: **Clonea Power Community Hall Restoration**

Project Reference Number: **31LDRWAT111376**

Assessment Criteria	Objective	Issues raised by Evaluation Committee	Weighting	Score
Compatibility with Local Development Strategy	Do the project proposals meet the criteria set out in the LAG business plan for the relevant measure?		Yes / 400	
Innovation	Is the product innovative in its nature and does it displace existing enterprises? - Product / Service 9/19 <u>9</u> - Displacement 5/19 <u>3</u> - Job Creation 5/19 <u>3</u>		19	15
Promoters experience	Does the promoter have the training/skills, track record or experience to deliver? - Standards of Operation 6/25 <u>5</u> - Track Record 6/25 <u>5</u> - Structure of Business 6/25 <u>5</u> - Necessary skills base 7/25 <u>5</u>		25	20
Financial Viability	Are the project costs justifiable (reasonableness of costs) and / is funding available to co-fund the project? - Overall Costs 7/25 <u>5</u> - Co Funding 6/25 <u>5</u>		25	20

	- Financial Plan	6/25	5			
	- Deadweight	6/25	5			
Sustainability	Is the project viable and will the service continue to be delivered?			13		10
Requirement	Does the proposal target a specific need or address a specific gap in the market?			18		15
Total				100		80

N.B. Project must receive a minimum score of 65% prior to being recommended for approval.

- Has the potential level of deadweight been assessed for this project? YES / ~~NO~~
- i.e. would the project proceed without LEADER funding? ~~YES~~ / NO

Recommendations of the Evaluation Committee: Approved.

Signature: 

Signature of Evaluation Committee Chair

Date: 10/02/20

Denise Walsh

From: John Harnedy <johnjharnedy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday 11 February 2020 09:07
To: Denise Walsh
Subject: Re: draft minutes for you to review 10th Feb 2020

Hi Denise

I received and reviewed the minutes of our meeting of monday February 10th 2020. and i agree with same and all is in order

Thanks

John.

On Mon 10 Feb 2020, 17:39 Denise Walsh, <Denise.Walsh@wlp.ie> wrote:

Hi John,

Attached please find the draft evaluation minutes for you to review.

Thanks & Regards,

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Seiceáladh gach iatán le scanóir aimsithe víreas agus ceaptar iad a bheith saor ó víreas. Iarrtar ort áfach, a

dheimhniú go ndéanfar gach teachtaireacht a scanadh ar fhaitíos víris, mar nach féidir aon dliteanas a ghlacadh maidir le haon ionfhabhtú nó damáiste a dhéantar do do chóras ríomhaireachta tríd an ríomhphost seo a fháil.

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