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**To/ The Mayor, Príomh Chomhairleoir and Each Member of Limerick City
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Local Community Development Committee –Annual Report 2025

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A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

In accordance with the requirements of Chapter 2 Section 128B(1)(i) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014 please find herewith the Annual Report on the activities of the Limerick Local Community Development Committee for the year ending 31st December 2025.

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Pádraig Malone
LCDC Chief Officer
Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development Directorate



ANNUAL REPORT ON THE OPERATION OF THE LIMERICK LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (LCDC) FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Introduction

This document constitutes the Annual Report for the Limerick Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) for the year ended 31st December 2025. The report has been prepared in the context of Chapter 2 Section 128 B(1)(i) of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, which states that one of the functions of a Local Community Development Committee is: “not later than 31 March in each year, to prepare, adopt and submit to the local authority a report in relation to the performance of its functions during the year immediately preceding the year in which the report is submitted”.

Background Legislation

Section 49A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, provides for the establishment of Local Community Development Committees for the purposes of:

- Developing, co-ordinating and implementing a coherent and integrated approach to local and community development.
- To implement, or arrange for the implementation of, the community elements of the Plan.
- To review the community elements of the Plan at least once within the period of 6 calendar years and, if necessary, to amend the community elements of the Plan.
- To monitor on an on-going basis the implementation of the community elements of the Plan and, if appropriate, to revise the actions and strategies set to achieve the objectives of the community elements of the Plan.
- To prepare the community elements of a 6-year Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP).
- To coordinate, manage and oversee the implementation of local and community development programmes that have been approved either by the relevant local authority or by agreement between the LCDC and a relevant public authority (e.g. government department, State agency etc.).
- To improve the coordination of public-funded local and community development programmes and reduce duplication.
- In addition to public-funded programmes, to coordinate generally the local and community development programmes within the operational area of the LCDC.

- to consider a draft of the economic elements of the Plan and adopt a statement for consideration of the Council in this regard, and
- To prepare an annual report on the performance of its functions.

LCDC Membership

The Limerick LCDC was established in July 2014 and currently has 19 members, which includes representatives from the statutory (“public”) and non-statutory (“private”) sectors drawn from the Limerick City and County Council administrative area. The tenure for sitting on the LCDC expired for a number of members in 2024 and this saw new members being appointed to the LCDC during the year. Members are listed as at the date of this report. Following the Local Elections and the Directly Elected Mayor Election in Limerick in June 2024 a number of new members were appointed to LCDC. There is provision in the Local Government (Mayor of Limerick) and Miscellaneous Act 2024 for the Directly Elected Mayor to be a member of the Committee.

In accordance with Section 128A of the Local Government Act 2001, as inserted by the Local Government Reform Act 2014, the Director General of Limerick City and County Council had designated a person to act as “Chief Officer” of the LCDC: Mr Seamus O’Connor. Mr. O’Connor retired in 2025 and has been replaced as Chief Officer by Mr Pádraig Malone.

LCDC Membership 2025

Councillor Stephen Keary (Chairperson)	Limerick City & County Council
Mayor John Moran	Limerick City & County Council
Councillor Joe Pond	Limerick City & County Council
Councillor PJ Carey	Limerick City & County Council
Councillor Greg Conway	Limerick City & County Council
Jennifer Moroney Ward	Limerick City Partnership
Shay Riordan	West Limerick Resources
Pádraig Casey	Ballyhoura Development CLG
George O’Callaghan	Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board
Fiona Casey	Department of Social Protection
Niamh Wallace	Health Service Executive
Mary McGrath	Public Participation Network
Linda Ledger	Public Participation Network
Maurice O’Connell	Public Participation Network
<i>Vacant</i>	Public Participation Network
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Barry Murphy	Agricultural Sector
Richie Bowens	Foroige
<i>Vacancy</i>	Limerick Chamber of Commerce

Meetings and other supports are provided to the Limerick LCDC by the Community Section of the Regeneration, Community, Sport and Rural Development Directorate.

During 2025, two of our Public Participation Networks (PPN) seats became vacant with resignations from Jimmy Prior and David Tobin. Elections for these seats were held and there are two new members to be ratified in 2026.

Achievements and Progress 2025

The members of Limerick LCDC continued to work together as partners for the betterment of developing sustainable communities for Limerick. This involved planning, delivering and evaluating interventions, and the policies, underpinning those interventions, for the good of individuals and communities. The members met 10 times in 2025, facilitating in person and blended meetings allowing members being able to attend in person or join online. This ensured the committee was very active in the performance of its functions. Amended Leader Operating Rules allow for blended meetings to occur for LAG meetings.

In 2025 the Social Inclusion Community Activation Programme in Limerick for the period 2024-2028 continued its delivery with Limerick City and County Council (Financial Partner) and the three Implementing partners, Ballyhoura CLG, Limerick City Area Partnership and West Limerick Resources. The LCDC oversaw, and made decisions, when required in relation to the SICAP during the year.

The LCDC in partnership with West Limerick Resources and the Council commenced delivery of the EU LEADER Programme 2023-2027 in Limerick. The LCDC oversaw the completion of the previous LEADER Programme which was successful in the delivery of various supports and capital projects across rural Limerick over the period of the last programme.

In addition to the LCDC meetings, subgroup meetings also took place in relation to the SICAP annual performance review for 2024 and preparation of the 2025 Annual Plans for the SICAP Programme, LEADER Programme and operational matters, Health and Wellbeing and evaluation committees for funding under the Local Enhancement Programme.

Key Strategies

The LCDC, in the delivery of its functions, has full regard to all relevant statutory requirements and in particular the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) which was adopted by the Council in May 2024 and the Local Development Strategy for Rural Development (LDS). The objectives and agreed actions contained in above plans are critical to the operation and outcomes of the LCDC to ensure consistency and coordination of all LCDC actions.

The LECP is a statutory plan and the goals and objectives of the LECP must be consistent with higher level national and regional statutory plans – the National Planning Framework Ireland 2040 and the Regional Economic and Spatial Plan for the Southern Region (2021) - and with the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028. The LECP has two main elements – a Community Plan and an Economic Plan with the Community Plan led by the Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) and the Economic Plan led by the Economic Strategic Policy Committee. An Advisory Steering Group was also established to oversee the development and implementation of the LECP.

The process of monitoring the implementation of the LECP began in late 2025 with some exploratory work completed on best delivery models in term of capturing data from various key stakeholders. This is to be further developed and become operational in 2026.

Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP)

The Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028 provides funding to tackle poverty and social exclusion at a local level through local engagement and partnerships between disadvantaged individuals, community organisations and public sector agencies. The LCDC oversaw the delivery of the SICAP programme and approved payments to the three Local Development Companies contracted to deliver the programme in Limerick – Limerick City Area Partnership in the City /Urban Limerick, West Limerick Resources in West Limerick and Ballyhoura Development in East Limerick.

The programme budget in 2025 was €3,025,828 with €315,693 of the budget for the supports of new arrivals. Social inclusion actions under SICAP are delivered under two goals:

Goal One: Supporting local community groups

Goal Two: Supporting individuals in or at risk of social exclusion to identify and take steps to improve quality of life and well-being and access lifelong learning opportunities.

The SICAP Programme Case Studies in 2025 were based on the theme of Climate Action & The Just Transition. Each of the companies presented their case studies at LCDC meetings during 2025.

The case studies were of excellent quality and illustrated the high impact SICAP has on communities, using collaborative approaches to promoting climate justice and strengthening networks. Feedback from participants was very positive. Key learnings were illustrated on the circular economy, capacity building and benefits of community leadership. They also highlighted learning and challenges local communities have, to lead climate action that is inclusive, locally driven, and environmentally responsible.

Individual Case Studies were as Follows:

Prog. LOT	Case study	Target Group Focus	Thematic Focus	Core Area of Work
LOT 21-1 Limerick West Rural	Climate Communities	People Living in Disadvantaged Communities	Climate Action & the Just Transition	The Climate Communities Action supported inclusive, community-led climate action across West Limerick through skills-sharing and capacity building. A 7-week training strengthened ecological understanding, community engagement, and facilitation skills among local leaders. Participants responded best to positive, value and locally focused approaches. An Open Green Maps platform was developed, mapping over 200 valued community resources. The mapping fostered connection, dialogue, and local pride. SICAP will continue building on this work to support climate action and a just transition
LOT 21-2 Limerick Urban	Stronger Together Local Solutions for Global Challenges	Lower Income Disadvantaged Families, Individuals & Community Groups	Climate Action & the Just Transition	Connecting climate issues to daily life. How climate justice is integrated into community development through practical local climate action including energy workshops & dedicated climate support. Initiatives include a school geodome & community biodigester which links environmental action with social benefits. The work has demonstrated the value of a community led approach to a just transition
LOT 21-3 Limerick East Rural	Community-Led Development of a Green & Just Transition Strategy for Ballyhoura	Lower Income Disadvantaged Families & Individuals & Community Groups	Climate Action & the Just Transition	The case study demonstrates the bottom-up approach to developing a comprehensive Green and Just Transition Strategy. Done through extensive community consultation and collaborative planning with local stakeholders. This included integrated planning to strategic alignment so that all participants from communities in the Ballyhoura region benefit.

The SICAP subgroup of the LCDC continued to meet in 2025. This subgroup meets to review SICAP implementation and progress and to consider opportunities and challenges. It also meets with the LDC's to review annual plans, mid-year reviews and end of year reviews. In 2025 the group met three times. The annual performance completed by SICAP Sub-committee of the LCDC saw engagement with the LDCs and Pobal.

Overall, there was of a high level of performance across all Lots in most areas including grant compliance, communication & visibility and good level of data quality.

A SICAP progress update is scheduled at all LCDC meetings. Final decisions in relation to all aspects of SICAP are made by the full LCDC. SICAP is a standing item at all LCDC meetings.

The membership of the SICAP subgroup in 2025 was as follows:

- Aobhán Haverty – Adult Education Officer Limerick & Clare Education & Training Board
- Fiona Casey - Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Social Protection
- Richie Bowens – Area Manager, Foróige
- Pádraig Malone, Chief Officer Limerick LCDC

Empowering Communities Programme (ECP)

Limerick City Area Partnership manage the delivery of the Empowering Communities Programme on behalf of the LCDC/Limerick City and County Council.

The ECP programme essentially use a community development approach to address social exclusion and the impacts of poverty and disadvantage in specific target areas, identified by the Pobal HP Deprivation Index. Limerick City North Local Electoral Area, Electoral Division John'sA has been identified as one of these areas. The approach is driven by Community Engagement Worker(s) employed in each of the designated areas. The ECP supports local people in the area of King's Island

to shape their own response to social exclusion and disadvantage to come together, build on local strengths, and create positive, lasting change.

A local advisory group, made up of community volunteers and key stakeholders, guides the direction of the work in Kings Island. This ensures that activities and actions are shaped by local voices and reflect real community priorities.

The four key actions for change are:

1. Increasing community participation in educational and recreational opportunities
2. Enhancing community pride and awareness of biodiversity
3. Promoting health and wellbeing for people of all ages
4. Strengthening community infrastructure by building the skills of local volunteers and supporting partnership working

Key achievements of the ECP in 2025 include:

- ECP organised a Health Promotion event in the community for International Men's Day on the 19th of November
- Social Events for the Older People: 4 Afternoon Tea Dances were organised by local ECP volunteers, the weekly Crafty Mondays Women's Group continued, weekly Spring Chickens younger women's Group took place and as well as a new Men's group
- Educational Progression: ECP supported parents to engage in Healthy Food Made Easy and QQI Health Care Support Modules as well as participating in UL'S CWELL Degree Course
- Community Activities: weekly Lego Club continued and expanded in partnership with the local school
- Family Drumming continued weekly engaging children and families in drumming lessons
- Family Learning activities continued weekly over the year engaging new families in activities that promote engagement
- Community Celebrations: Teddy Bears Picnic was organised by the ECP worker and local volunteers
- Seasonal and Cultural Events: Pumpkin Patch event took place at Halloween and Christmas Grotto Event took place in addition to the Christmas Afternoon tea dance for older people
- Community Gardening: Gardening Group established and working on Island Garden's, Community Growing Space, spring bulbs planted and clean-up of garden for Autumn.

EU LEADER Programme 2023-2027

The delivery of the EU LEADER Programme advanced in 2025. Limerick City & Council as Financial Partner continued to manage the EU LEADER audit checks (Administrative audit checks) on projects and the LCDC support staff successfully managed the progression of the claim process in this regard. The sub-themes and budgets for the programme are outlined in the Local Development Strategy (LDS). Promoter applications from various community and specific interest groups were evaluated by the Independent Evaluation Committee and subsequently approved by the Local Action Group (LAG).

A targeted call was approved by the LAG and opened until the end of April 2025, with projects beginning to come before the Local Action Group (LAG) from July onwards.

A subsequent rolling call was approved by the LAG to commence in October 2025. Below is a table of the breakdown of budget available as per the LDS for the current targeted call as approved by the LAG members.

Theme 01	
Economic Development & Job Creation	
01a The Green Economy	€258,750
01b Agricultural Diversification	€258,750
01c Rural Tourism & Recreation	€362,250
01d Enterprise Development	€310,500
01e Rural Food Production	€310,500
01f Social Community and Cooperative Enterprise	€310,500
Theme 02	
Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion	
02a Rural Infrastructure	€517,500
02b Accessible Services	€517,500
02c Optimising Digital Connectivity	€258,750
02d Rural Youth	€517,500
Theme 03	
Sustainable Development of Rural Environment & Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	
03a Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment	€776,250
03b Climate Change Capacity Building	€258,750
03c Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation	€517,500

The overall budget allocated to Limerick over the lifetime of the current LEADER Programme 2023-2027 allocated is €6,937,834 million.

The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC), as the Local Action Group (LAG) for the LEADER Programme completed the full allocation and approval of 39 Projects to the value of €1,911,419.71 in 2025.

The delivery of these projects is highlighted in the table below illustrating a wide range of projects across the themes and subthemes of the Local Development Strategy.

Theme 01 Economic Development & Job Creation			
Project Name	Promotor	Amount	Sub Theme
O'Callaghan Ash Firewood	Michael O'Callaghan	€30,027.36	01a
LiKe Bikes – Bring a Bike Back to Life	Recalibration Limited t/a LiKe Bikes	€8,821.35	01a
Purchase of machinery and equipment	Tonedale Ltd	€57,645.00	01a
Gerard Fenniman purchase professional woodturning lathe	Gerard Fenniman	€7,951.76	01b
Glin Knights Visitor Centre	Glin Development Association CLG	€15,064.91	01c
Ballyhoura Glamping Pods	Ballyhoura Glamping Limited	€26,777.90	01c
Interpretive Installation at Darragh	Glenroe Ballyorgan Community Council CLG	€17,125.29	01c
Kilmeedy Full Moon Rising Festival	Kilmeedy Community Development Group CLG	€9,935.25	01c
Greenway Glamping Rest Stop - Templeglantine	Rachel O'Keeffe	€69,852.37	01c
Three-Dimensional Digitisation Equipment	John Byrnes Mechanical Engineering Ltd	€37,078.08	01d
Accessible Play Area	Orrantree Leisure Ltd	€131,067.00	01d
Caher Bakery Tart Production Equipment	Caher Bakery Ltd	€79,350.75	01e
Kingscape packaging system for wholesale business	Kingscape Limited	€21,159.66	01e
Twomey's Bakery Business Future Proofing	Twomey's Bakery Ltd	€86,437.50	01e
Glorach Theatre Extension to foyer	Abbeyfeale Folk CLG	€90,644.50	01f

Theme 02			
Rural Infrastructure & Social Inclusion			
Project Name	Promotor	Amount	Sub Theme
Cappamore GAA & Camogie Club Walkway Lights	Cappamore GAA Club	€28,528.69	02a
Upgrade of Facilities	Feohanagh Castlemahon Resource Centre CLG	€58,235.28	02a
Knocklong Community Facilities Feasibility Study	Knocklong Development Association CLG	€11,623.50	02a
Montpelier Community Centre Development	M.OB.CC CLG	€148,968.75	02a
Templeglantine - Shared Mobility Hub	Templeglantine Community Development CLG	€22,053.00	02a
Askeaton Ballysteen Active Retirement	Askeaton Ballysteen Active Retirement	€5,189.41	02b
Corrandeel - Feenagh Park Upgrades	Corran-Deel Voluntary Housing Association CLG	€19,934.85	02b
Galtee Gaels Multipurpose Recreational Space	Galtee Gaels GAA Club	€168,581.67	02b
Haven Hub Rural Community Wellness Project	Haven Hub CLG	€33,694.68	02b
Mulcair Mens Shed Upgrade	Mulcair Mens Shed	€8,400.00	02b
WLSC Optimising Digital Connectivity	West Limerick Sports Complex CLG	€30,603.06	02c
Limerick Scout County Curraghchase Scout Centre	Limerick Scout County	€148,440.96	02d
Mountcollins Community Playground	Mountcollins Development Association	€122,347.60	02d
Rathkeale Playground Upgrade	Rathkeale Community Council	€60,497.55	02d

Theme 03			
Sustainable Development of Rural Environment & Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation			
Project Name	Promotor	Amount	Sub Theme
Ardagh Wellbeing Exercise Area	Ardagh District Recreational and Sporting Company Limited by Guarantee	€74,569.50	03a
Installation of Solar Panels on Complex Roof	Bruff GAA Club	€31,411.12	03a
Community Hall Upgrades	Pallasgreen Templebraden Community Council	€21,323.81	03a
Grove of Remembrance 2026	Dromcollogher Community Council Company Limited by Guarantee	€65,109.47	03a
Abbeyfeale Biodiversity Training Programmes	Abbeyfeale Community Council CLG	€14,387.93	03b
Askeaton Contemporary Arts Building	Askeaton Contemporary Arts CLG	€87,255.37	03b
Killeedy Sprout Club Set Up	Killeedy Sprout Club	€23,973.39	03b
WLR Community Skillshare Network	West Limerick Resources CLG	€8,200.00	03b
Adare RCC Battery System Upgrade	Adare Recreation & Community Complex CLG	€37,839.99	03c
Energy Upgrade	Croom Family Resource Centre CLG	€11,525.92	03c
Inspiring Invasive Inception	Maigne Rivers Trust	€44,895.00	03c

Health and Wellbeing Programmes

Healthy Ireland (2015 – 2025) envisions a Limerick where everyone is empowered to enjoy positive wellbeing which is supported at every level of society and achieved by working together. Slaintecare Healthy Communities (2021 – 2025) a place-based, equity-focused programme targeting communities experiencing the greatest disadvantage.

A Social Determinants of Health framework informs the delivery of these programmes and the delivery is aligned to the Local Economic Community Plan 2023-2028. The social determinants of health (SDH) are the non-medical factors that influence health outcomes. They are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life.

Healthy Limerick Initiatives in 2025 included:

In June 2025, Limerick City and County Council was officially accredited to the World Health Organisation (WHO) European Healthy Cities and Counties Network – Phase VII. This important achievement highlights Limerick's continued commitment to promoting health and wellbeing for all residents.

The accreditation was formally presented at the WHO European Healthy Cities Annual Conference in Bursa, Türkiye, where Limerick was represented by a small delegation led by the Mayor of Limerick,

John Moran. This recognition reaffirms the vital role of local government in improving health outcomes and addressing the wider social determinants of health.

Preparations for Limerick's application to Phase VIII of the WHO Healthy Cities/Counties Network will commence in 2026. This work is undertaken in partnership with the Health and Wellbeing Subcommittee of the LCDC, the Department of Health, and Healthy Ireland Local Government.

The Limerick Food Partnership (LFP) is a strategic collaboration of voluntary, community, and statutory organisations, hosted by Limerick City Partnership. Its mission is to increase access to healthy food options for communities across Limerick through targeted interventions.

Healthy Limerick is an active member of the partnership's steering group and is part funding comprehensive food insecurity research which will feed into a food environment mapping initiative, with GIS support from the Healthy Ireland National Office. This research explores the economic, social, environmental, and systemic factors contributing to food poverty.

The project includes the development of detailed maps showcasing community and commercial food outlets, informed by quantitative mapping data, surveys, and qualitative insights from focus groups.

A key output of this work is the creation of two innovative digital tools including comprehensive food insecurity research report, a digitised food environment mapping platform, and a public-facing app, designed to assist residents in accessing healthy food options. Limerick is leading this digital innovation nationally with support from Healthy Ireland and this work will launch in 2026.

Limerick Food Partnership also strengthened its European connections in 2025 by participating in the Transformative Governance for Food Systems and Biodiversity Conference in Copenhagen. The presentation focused on the importance of living labs and policy councils in enabling transformative change. LFP is also an active member of CLEAVERFOOD and FEAST networks.

Delivery of the Healthy Food Made Easy (HFME) programme continues countywide, supported by Safefood (2025–2028) and Sláintecare Healthy Communities in designated city areas. Food education initiatives have expanded significantly, including summer camps, work with men's and women's sheds, migrant community cooking sessions, and international cooking workshops in partnership with Doras and the Local Authority Integration Team with other key stakeholders.

The *We're Breastfeeding Friendly Limerick* initiative aims to improve the health and wellbeing of breastfeeding mothers, babies, and families by promoting breastfeeding-friendly spaces across businesses, organisations, communities, and workplaces.

The original 2019 brochure was updated in 2024 to reflect the Work Life Balance and Miscellaneous Provisions Act (2023). A social media campaign, including newly produced short videos, ran during National Breastfeeding Week in 2025.

Art workshops were held with expectant and breastfeeding mothers in both years culminated in community exhibitions during National Breastfeeding Week 2025. This included a large public event taking place at King John's Castle in partnership with the HSE Community Lactation Team, ABC StartRight, and community partners.

The Buddy Bench Project was launched in Limerick in partnership with Limerick Mental Health Association, the HSE, and local community groups in 2025. The initiative designates public benches as safe, welcoming spaces for connection and support, helping reduce isolation and encourage mental health conversations.

Located along the riverfront and suicide patrol routes, Buddy Benches include positive messaging and QR codes linking to emergency supports. A citywide awareness campaign accompanies the initiative, aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals on Good Health and Wellbeing and Reduced Inequalities.

The Social Health and Education Project (SHEP) is a regional community and voluntary training organisation delivering adult education programmes focused on health and wellbeing. Through Healthy Limerick funding, 12 short programmes were delivered in 2025, promoting resilience and social connection.

Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme (SHC)

The Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme continued its strong impact in 2025, advancing health equity by addressing the social determinants of health in partnership with residents and local organisations.

Some of the key projects that continue to be delivered include:

- MoveWell - A community-based physical activity programme supporting people with chronic conditions. This has had 1,141 individuals engaged since 2023, 50 programme iterations delivered, 270 referrals from physiotherapy services and is delivered in collaboration with Limerick Sports Partnership and supported by UL.
- SingStrong (Phase 2) saw 48 sessions held for people living with COPD to improve respiratory health and wellbeing and Venture Out initiated Outdoor wellbeing initiative supporting mental and physical health

There were also contributions and support made to Shelbourne Park Physical Activity Infrastructure, an ADAPT Wellbeing Cabin completed in 2025, provides therapeutic sessions, workshops, and peer support for women and children affected by domestic abuse. Mid-West Simon Community Kitchen received support for a newly renovated kitchen now hosts cooking classes, food workshops, and gardening activities to support food security and wellbeing.

SHC provided funding support to Oak Lodge for a nature-based and creative wellbeing activities for residents experiencing homelessness, delivered with Midwest Simon and Limerick Sports Partnership, Full Pitch Short Film, Garryowen Community Project and the Period Equity Programme.

Other Programmes

Local Enhancement Programme

In 2025, the Local Community Development Committee secured funding under the Local Enhancement Programme, which provides funding to community groups, with grants towards necessary repairs and improvements to their facilities and purchasing of equipment, as well as funding to cover running costs i.e. Rent, Insurance. The Local Community Development Committee (LCDC) on behalf of the Department and Community Development allocated funding under the Local Enhancement Programme 2025.

The LCDC approved 131 applications for projects across Limerick to the value of €264,714.68 broken down as follows:

Group / Organisation	Name of Town/Village area	Capital Amount awarded by LCDC €	Current Amount awarded by LCDC €
11th Limerick Newcastle West Scouts	Newcastle West	€0.00	€1,000.00
14th Limerick Murroe-Boher Scout Group	Murroe	€4,587.80	€0.00
23rd Limerick Christ the King Scout Group	Caherdavin	€2,000.00	€0.00
2nd 6th Limerick	Limerick City	€0.00	€1,000.00
32nd Limerick Saint Pauls Scout Group	Dooradoyle	€4,306.40	€1,000.00
45th Limerick Ahane Scout Group	Lisnagry	€3,032.65	€1,000.00
Abbeyfeale Community Council	Abbeyfeale	€0.00	€500.00
Abbeyfeale Community Leisure CLG	Abbeyfeale	€2,425.00	€0.00
Abbeyfeale Mens Shed	Abbeyfeale	€1,223.50	€500.00
Abbeyfeale Oral History Association	Abbeyfeale	€0.00	€500.00
29th Bruff Scouts, Limerick	Bruff	€5,000.00	€0.00
Abbeyfeale District Search & Rescue	Abbeyfeale	€2,500.00	€0.00
Abbeyfeale Womens Shed	Abbeyfeale	€0.00	€500.00
ACM Community Development Society Ltd	Castleconnell	€0.00	€500.00
Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	Dooradoyle	€0.00	€1,000.00

ADARE MENS SHED	Adare	€1,983.00	€500.00
Adare Womens 2020 Club	Adare	€0.00	€500.00
Anglesborough Community Centre CLG	Anglesboro	€1,000.00	€0.00
Ardpatrick Cemetery Committee	Kilmallock	€5,000.00	€500.00
Ash Management Group	Ashford	€1,150.00	€0.00
Askeaton Ballysteen Community Council	Askeaton	€2,500.00	€500.00
Athlacca Community Hall	Athlacca	€1,000.00	€0.00
Autism Supporting Diversity Ireland (ASD Ireland)	Limerick City	€3,684.60	€1,000.00
Ballingarry Community Park Group t/a Ballingarry community council clg	Ballingarry	€2,500.00	€500.00
Ballybricken Scout group	Caherelly	€0.00	€1,000.00
Ballyhahill Comhaltas Branch	Loughill	€0.00	€800.00
Ballyhoura Rural Services CLG	Caherconlish	€0.00	€500.00
Ballylanders Development Association	Ballylanders	€1,500.00	€0.00
Ballylanders Ladies AFC	Ballylanders	€1,000.00	€0.00
Ballyneety Men's shed	Ballyneety	€1,500.00	€0.00
Banogue GAA	Banogue	€2,500.00	€0.00
Bedford Row Family Project	Limerick City	€0.00	€400.00
Bohermore Handball Club	Ballysimon	€5,000.00	€0.00
Broadford Ashford Walking Trails/ Mullaghareirk Trails	Broadford	€0.00	€500.00
Broadford Community Development CLG	Broadford	€0.00	€500.00
Broadford Community Enterprise centre	Broadford	€0.00	€500.00
Bruree Rockhill Community Childcare Ltd	Bruree	€0.00	€1,000.00
Caherconlish Caherline Community Council	Caherconlish	€1,500.00	€0.00
Caherdavin Residents Associations / Tidy Towns	Caherdavin	€0.00	€400.00
Caherelly Sportsfield Cooperative Society Ltd	Caherelly	€2,872.05	€0.00
Carrigkerry Community Council	Carrigkerry	€1,750.00	€0.00
Castleconnell Parish Hall Interim Management Committee	Castleconnell	€1,500.00	€0.00
Clounanna Burial Ground Committee	Patrickswell	€1,000.00	€0.00

Colemanswell Graveyard Committee	Colemanswell	€960.00	€0.00
Colmanswell community council	Colemanswell	€2,000.00	€0.00
Coolcappa Development Assocaition	Ardagh	€0.00	€500.00
Croom Active Retirement	Croom	€0.00	€420.00
Croom Family Resource Centre	Croom	€1,000.00	€0.00
Desmond Complex	Newcastle West	€0.00	€500.00
Dóchas Midwest Autism Support	Limerick City	€1,793.00	€0.00
Donoughmore Knockea Roxboro Community Association Graveyards Committee.	Ballyneety	€5,000.00	€0.00
Doon and District Men's Shed	Doon	€604.24	€500.00
Doon Community Centre LTD	Doon	€1,250.00	€500.00
Dooradoyle Raheen Mens Shed	Dooradoyle	€0.00	€400.00
Down Syndrome Limerick	Castletroy	€0.00	€1,000.00
Dromcollogher & District Respite Care Centre	Dromcollogher	€2,500.00	€0.00
Dromcollogher Community Hall	Dromcollogher	€0.00	€500.00
Dromcollogher Graveyard Committee	Dromcollogher	€1,218.00	€0.00
Dromin Community	Dromin	€0.00	€500.00
Effin & Garrienderk Community Development Group	Effin	€0.00	€500.00
Effin Garrienderk Foroige Club	Effin	€5,000.00	€0.00
Foynes and District Community Council CLG	Foynes	€2,500.00	€500.00
Friars' Gate Theatre	Kilmallock	€0.00	€500.00
Galbally Men's Shed	Galbally	€780.00	€0.00
Garryowen CCE	Limerick City	€4,980.00	€1,000.00
Garryowen Community Development Project	Limerick City	€2,500.00	€0.00
Gerald Griffins Resource Center	Loughill	€2,000.00	€500.00
Glenbrohane Community Association	Glenbrohane	€1,000.00	€0.00
Glin Daycare Centre CLG	Glin	€4,800.00	€1,000.00
Glin Development Association CLG (on behalf of Kinard Cemetery)	Glin	€2,711.00	€0.00
Glin Rovers AFC	Glin	€2,500.00	€0.00

GOSHH Ireland	Limerick City	€5,000.00	€0.00
Granagh Development Association	Granagh	€0.00	€500.00
Grange ICA Guild	Brugg	€5,000.00	€0.00
Herbertstown & District Mens Shed	Herbertstown	€1,500.00	€0.00
Herbertstown Development Association	Herbertstown	€0.00	€500.00
Hospital Community Council	Hospital	€0.00	€500.00
Hospital Family Resource Centre CLG	Hospital	€2,000.00	€500.00
Irish Girl Guides St Johns Parish	Limerick City	€495.79	€414.00
Irish Red Cross - Limerick City Branch	Limerick City	€0.00	€400.00
KDB CEMETERIES	Kilteely	€5,000.00	€0.00
Kilbreedy Graveyard Committee	Kilmallock	€1,000.00	€0.00
Kilcornan Active	Kilcornan	€0.00	€500.00
Kilcornan Community Council	Kilcornan	€0.00	€500.00
Kildimo Community Council Company Limited	Kildimo	€5,000.00	€0.00
Kilfinny Community Council	Kilfinny	€1,366.10	€0.00
Kilkeedy Graveyard Committee	Clarina	€3,999.00	€0.00
Killeedy Baby & Toddler Group	Ashford	€5,000.00	€420.00
Kilmallock Cemetery Association	Kilmallock	€199.99	€0.00
Kilmoylan Graveyard Committee	Shanagolden	€599.76	€0.00
Kilmurry Arts & Heritage Centre	Castletroy	€0.00	€400.00
Kilteely/Dromkeen Parish Hall	Kilteely	€0.00	€500.00
Knockaderry Cloncagh Resource Centre Limerick CLG	Knockaderry	€0.00	€500.00
Knocklong Development Association CLG	Knocklong	€1,500.00	€500.00
Limerick Combat Gym	Limerick City	€0.00	€452.00
Limerick Youth Service	Limerick City	€5,000.00	€0.00
Loughill Community Development Association	Loughill	€650.00	€0.00
Monagea Gaa	Monagea	€2,500.00	€0.00
Mooreabbey Milers AC	Galbally	€3,652.45	€0.00
Moyross Community Enterprise Centre	Limerick City	€5,000.00	€0.00
Mulcair Men's Shed	Murroe	€0.00	€500.00
Mungret Community Council	Mungret	€704.49	€0.00

Murroe Marian Social Club	Murroe	€0.00	€500.00
Newcastle West & District Pipe Band	Newcastle West	€2,000.00	€0.00
Newcastle West Community Centre	Newcastle West	€0.00	€500.00
Northside Family Resource Centre	Limerick City	€2,500.00	€0.00
Our Lady of Lourdes Communitiy Service Group	Limerick City	€2,500.00	€0.00
Pallasgreen Templebraden Community Council	Pallasgreen	€566.23	€500.00
Patrickswell Community Council CLG	Patrickswell	€1,750.00	€0.00
Plunkett Heritage Centre	Dromcollogher	€0.00	€500.00
Rape Crisis Midwest	Limerick City	€2,500.00	€0.00
Rathkeale and District Community Men's Shed	Rathkeale	€0.00	€500.00
Saoirse Addiction Treatment Center, CLG	Limerick City	€0.00	€1,000.00
Scouting Ireland St Josephs Scout Group	Limerick City	€1,000.00	€0.00
Shanagolden and District Community Council	Shanagolden	€2,500.00	€0.00
Southill Hub (Southill Area Centre CLG)	Limerick City	€2,500.00	€0.00
Springfield graveyard	Broadford	€4,948.00	€0.00
St David's Graveyard	Newcastle West	€1,886.38	€0.00
St Patrick's Mens Shed	Limerick City	€0.00	€400.00
St Saviour's Community Centre	Limerick City	€500.00	€0.00
St. Gabriel's Foundation	Mungret	€5,000.00	€0.00
St. John's Girls' and Infant Boys' School	Limerick City	€5,000.00	€1,000.00
St. Munchins Community Centre	Limerick City	€4,500.00	€0.00
Templeglantine Community Development CLG	Templeglantine	€2,200.00	€0.00
The Creative Learning Centre TA Blue Box	Limerick City	€3,486.00	€1,000.00
The Haven Hub CLG	Limerick City	€1,963.14	€1,000.00
The Limerick Opera Festival	Limerick City	€1,086.43	€0.00
The Limerick Theatre and Performance Hub Ltd./T/A The GAFF	Limerick City	€4,741.00	€0.00
Thomondgate Residents Association	Limerick City	€2,500.00	€0.00
Tournafulla Cemetery Improvement Committee	Tournafulla	€5,000.00	€0.00
Whitethorn Community Group	Patrickswell/ Adare	€0.00	€400.00

Conclusion

The active participation of the members of the Local Community Development Committee during 2025 continues to build on the commitment and effort of former members who are passionate about developing Limerick. This year the LCDC delivered across all the key programmes and the targets and deadlines set out at the beginning of the year were achieved. The oversight and monitoring of the SICAP Programme in response to challenging times illustrates the important role SICAP plays across the county. Any funding approvals made by the members of the LCDC are notified to the Elected Members of the Council by 15:00 hrs the day after an LCDC meeting. As agreed previously the agenda of the meeting is notified to Elected Members of the Full Council in advance of the meeting.

The engagement of the Committee, at both local and national level, continues to yield many positive outcomes and the members are committed to continuing this for the betterment of all citizens and communities in Limerick. The implementation of the LECP 2023-2028 is underway along with the delivery of the new LEADER Programme 2023-2027 for Limerick. The Chairman acknowledges the commitment to date of all members, and particularly those who contribute on a voluntary basis and looks forward to building on the achievements to date. The Chairman also thanked previous members of the Committee and former Chief Officer Seamus O'Connor for his guidance and assistance over the years.



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LCDC Chairperson



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