

Report on LAG Microsoft Teams Meeting held on 12/01/2021

The draft minutes from the Dec. meeting were reviewed and approved.

Projects from Leader Evaluation Committee

Out of a total of 19 projects presented 1 was rejected, 2 were deferred 7 Projects from PPN groups together with 3 from MID and 3 from LCDC and 3 Enterprise Development projects from Private Companies were approved for funding. A further 4 projects already approved were granted deadline extensions.

Leader Progress at 31st December 2020

Gabriel O Connell gave the following update from Leader

- At the close of 2020, 112 projects were approved to the value of €5,698,098.16 (99.82% of total budget)
- There is €10,056.09 remaining to be allocated.
- 41 promoters have completed their projects and have been paid. The total drawn-down at 31st December 2020 in both full and phased payments is €2,485,998.77 (43.66% of project budget).
- Seven cooperation projects have been approved by the LAG. Two are completed and paid to a value of €11,195.64. One to value of €174,222.56 has commenced and is progressing. A further four projects to the value of €134,248.16 are proceeding through Article 48 Check and awaiting Departmental approval. Cooperation funding is additional to the overall LDS budget

Interim Review

The Interim Review report from the consultants on the evaluation of the Monaghan LEADER LDS which had been circulated to LAG members was approved. A copy is attached as it will be a useful reference document for future activities.

Current Leader Program Extension and Transitional Leader Program Details

The extension of the current Leader Program until the end of March 2021 and details of the newly announced Transitional Leader Program were discussed and welcomed. Details are attached which should be circulated to all our PPN Groups.

Leader Returns

The Leader returns for Dec. were presented and approved.

Next meeting

The next meeting was fixed for 9th Feb

While there were no direct proposals from the PPN Reps at the meeting they did play a very active part in discussions on the 19 projects presented. It is the intention of the reps to have concrete proposals for the next meeting on the allocation of the additional Leader Funding and the Transitional Leader Funding