

**Social Inclusion Measures Working Group**  
**Meeting notes of 2nd February, 2004**  
**Held at Minella Hotel, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary**

**Summary**

1. Work plans for the CDP's in the county were accepted by the SIM on behalf of the CDB
2. Recommendations were made re Carrick-on-Suir marina and tax designation for RAPID areas
3. RAPID projects were endorsed and Dormant Account applications noted
4. Working groups will aim at producing targeted action plans
5. A response will be sent to the Task Force re the Evaluation Report
6. April meeting will deal with Unemployment
7. July meeting will deal with Disability
8. Youth sector proposals on consultation will be considered
- 9. Date of next meeting Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2.00pm**

**Present:** Mick Cummins (Dept of Social and Family Affairs), Ruth Smith (Tipperary Women's Network), Mary FitzGerald (Garda Siochana), Bridget O'Keeffe (Carrick on Suir Resource Centre), Liam Kilbride, Carrick-on-Suir Education Network, Eoin O'Neill (Waterford Youth Service), Claire Hartley (South Tipperary CDSP/NDP Network), Oliver Clancy (FAS), Sean McSweeney (South Tipperary Community and Voluntary Forum), Fionnuala McGeever (Tipperary S.R. VEC), Billy Doyle (Clonmel Town Council), Ronan Mulhall (Dept. of Education and Science), Paula Mulrooney (Tipperary Youth Service), Margo Hayes (Carrick-on-Suir RAPID), Kathleen Prendergast (Clonmel Rapid), Pat. Holland (CDB), Eileen Horgan (CDB), Mark Ryan, Tipperary Rapid, Darragh Murphy (BNS), John G. Devane, Tipperary LEADER, Sinead Carr, South Tipperary Co. Co., John Quinn, County Development Board, Betty Coughlan (CDP Network), Tina Kennedy (Clonmel School Completion Programme), Donal Danaher (Tipp. Centre for Independent Living), Jo Conroy, (County Childcare Committee)

**Apologies:** Aoife McGrath, Alan Curtis (Clonmel Community Partnership)

**Chairperson:** Seamus Moore (SEHB),

**Agenda items 1 and 2**

Seamus Moore opened the meeting, the agenda was agreed and the notes of the last meeting were agreed.

**3** . A report on the Community Development Projects work plans for TACCTIC, Clonmel Community Partnership, Suir CDP, Waterford LEADER Partnership, Knockanrawley R.C., Tipperary Town Rural Travellers Project and the County Childcare Committee was presented to the meeting. John Quinn noted that the CDP's were playing a vital role in the fulfilment of the County Strategy. The work plans were endorsed and the report approved by the SIM on behalf of the CDP (proposed Oliver Clancy, seconded Sinead Carr).

**3 RAPID**

The report on the three RAPID areas was approved by the meetings with three recommendations:

1. The Dept. of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources should include consideration of social inclusion issues in their decisions regarding projects in the RAPID areas, specifically with regard to the Carrick-on-Suir marina project.

2. The Dept. of Finance should sympathetically re-consider a proposal to give tax incentive status to RAPID areas
3. The RAPID process in Carrick-on-Suir should move to write up the results of animation in the education, physical infrastructure and safety and security areas to create the RAPID plan with the topic of community development perhaps being taken up by another agency

#### **4 Rapid Projects:**

The following projects were each endorsed:

##### *Sports Capital:*

Clonmel Boxing Club	New boxing ring	8000
Clonmel Celtic	Dressing rooms, all weather pitch	250,879
St. Michael's FC, Tipperary,	Playing Surface Development/Floodlighting	200,000
Tipperary Town Athletics Club,	Dressing Room Development	52,500
Carrick United AFC Ltd	Pitch Draining Works	27,685
Rock Rovers FC	Club House	495,000
Carrick-on-Suir Community Resource Centre	Sports Equipment	2,500

##### *Rapid Projects*

Carrickbeg Community Childcare Group childcare building

***Dormant Accounts:*** The SIM 's function re Dormant Accounts applications is co-ordination only. The following projects were noted however:

Mid-Tipp Drugs Initiative	Drugs Awareness Officer	50,000
Knockanrawley	Personal/Ed. Development Prog.	125,000
Excel Centre	Sustainability of centre	825,000
Swimming Pool Tipperary	Disability access	150,000
Tipp town, IT centre	Additional units	150,000
Carrick Marina	Licence	125,000
Carrick Resource Centre	Vol. Groups training project	
Waterford LEADER	IT training	
Sean Kelly pool	Manual Hoist	
Carrick Town Council	Town Wheel Chair accessible	
Carrick Town Council	Suir River, disabled fishing points	
Carrick Ed. Network	Community Educational project	
SEHB	Assessment, treatment, support centre	2,562,355
SEHB	Rehabilitation and training centre, Acquired brain injury,	1,437,294.
Clonmel Borough Co.	Elm Park playground	74,432
Clonmel Borough Co.	Community Notice Boards	6,752
SEHB/Clonmel B. C.	Cooleens/Heywood Traditional play area	7449
St. Oliver's Parish	Roof repairs (interim)	5221
Clonmel Celtic	Balance funding of Sports Capital Project	49,000

Applications being developed

Tipperary Town Council	Implementation of Crime Design Study
Tipperary Hostel	Restoration for community hostel
County Cultural Providers	Arts outreach project to RAPID and other disadvantaged communities
Moorehaven Centre, Tipp	Recreation/Entertainment officer
WRYS/SEHB/CCP	Neighbourhood Youth Project
CCP/SEHB	Clonmel Community Training Project
Clonmel B.C.	Clonmel Swimming Pool Hoist

Under consideration

Clonmel B.C/Gardai	CCTV system
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**5 Short Review of Focus Issues** (reports as circulated with additional data here)

*Early School Leaving:* Ronan Mulhall will be bringing members of this group together in the near future

*Traveller Accommodation:* A draft plan for traveller accommodation would be prepared shortly. From now on meetings would have two foci, one general re accommodation and the other, dealing with specific issues.

*Safety and Security:* As with the other groups, this group would focus on the creation of a targeted action plan with

1. an analysis of the current situation for that target group
2. details of current social inclusion provision by agency for the target group
3. agreement of a set of qualified objectives
4. agreement on the role and responsibilities of each organisation involved in meeting the needs of the target group within existing resources
5. realistic performance indicators

**6 Evaluation of SIM Co-ordination Mechanisms Report**

Seamus Moore outlined the role of the SIM and the background to its setting up. The SIM had agreed to concentrate on three target groups as recommended in the Evaluation Report. Comments from meeting:

- There was a need to focus on outcomes
- The SIM was a very useful meeting/networking opportunity for agency reps.
- National delivery had been poor though the local was good. There is a conflict between local and national aims.
- The South Tipperary of added value was valuable in a time of scarce resources
- If we concentrate on three groups, what happens to the other groups ?
- A lack of buy-in means a lack of funds
- SIM may give target groups an expectation which cannot be delivered
- National mainstreaming needed and buy-in in terms of resources also

- The regional offices of Education and Science are a commitment to CDB/SIM process but decisions, however better informed, are still made at national level.
- SIM does not have much authority, mandates need to be defined
- The Task Force is mainly composed of representatives of central government. It needs to have representatives of non-statutory agencies and target groups in it
- Top down change is necessary to make SIM's work worthwhile
- Natural changes of membership on SIM could make it less committed
- The growth and maturity of the voluntary sector has been a major asset to the county
- SIM should focus on areas/decisions that can be influenced locally
- Local delivery needs local global grants which can be targeted locally
- Some of the funds for social inclusion must be available for integrated actions

#### **7 Programme of Work for SIM, 2004**

- April meeting, Unemployment issue watch, Led by Oliver Clancy
- July meeting, Disability issue watch, presentation by Co. Disability Forum

#### **8 Comhairle na nOg 2003 Report**

The meeting heard a presentation by Dail na nOg representatives Triona McGrath and Stephen Harris on the needs of young people. A committed consultation process and action on drink abuse were the priorities set. The SIM agreed to consider proposals from the youth sector on methods of consultation.

#### **9 Date of next meeting**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2.00pm in the same venue.**