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**Local Community Development Committee  
 Meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2018**

**Presiding:**

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)

Chief Executive Meath County Council

**Present:**

Mr Tadhg Ó'Conghaile (TOC)

Údarás Na Gaeltachta

Ms Margaret Cranney (MC)

Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMCD)

Louth Meath Education Training Board

Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)

Health Service Executive

Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)

Meath Partnership

Ms Sheila Comiskey (SC)

Social Inclusion

Ms Jacinta O'Sullivan (JOS)

Social Inclusion

Mr John V Farrelly (JVF)

Business Sector

Mr Robert Bradley (RB)

Trade Union Sector

Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)

Youth Work Ireland Meath

**Officials:**

Ms Áine Bird (AB)

A/Chief Officer, A/Senior Executive Officer,  
 Community Department

Ms Joan Carroll (JC)

Senior Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Karen Dalton (KD)

Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

**Apologies/Absent**

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST)

Councillor Meath County Council

Cllr Sinead Burke (SB)

Councillor Meath County Council

Cllr Sharon Keogan (SK)

Councillor Meath County Council

Mr Joe English (JE)

Local Enterprise Office

Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)

Community Sector

Mr John Higgins (JH)

Community Sector

Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)

Environmental Sector

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)

Farming Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 were <b>proposed by Mr. John V Farrelly and seconded by Michael Ludlow.</b></p>
2.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>AB advised the Committee on a number of pieces of correspondence received and provided a brief synopsis on each one;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Email from National Alcohol Policy Priority Programme on the Alcohol Action Ireland Annual Market Survey.</li> <li>II. PPN National Report 2017</li> <li>III. 2018 Sports Capital Programme</li> <li>IV. The Digital Innovation Programme 2018 &amp; Brief Synopsis</li> <li>V. Libraries Development and Community Policy - Public events in preparation for Brexit. JM also advised that the Local Enterprise Office and the Chamber of Commerce are currently running advisory clinics on Brexit.</li> <li>VI. Email from Pobal reminding LCDC's and LDC's of the timelines for the submission of the 2018 case study and 2019 Annual Plan under the SICAP Programme.</li> <li>VII. Confirmation that the 5 projects submitted by the LCDC for consideration under Healthy Ireland Strand 2 have all been approved. Works will commence on each of the projects which must be completed by March 2019.</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>To approve applications for funding for Men's Sheds under the Community Enhancement Programme 2018</b></p> <p>AB advised the Committee of an additional €21,739 provided under the Community Enhancement Programme 2018 specifically for the registered Men's Sheds in Meath. AB</p>

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	<p>went through how the funding in the proposal was allocated.</p> <p>JVF enquired if there was a figure on how many were attending the Men's Sheds in the County. ML advised that this is a figure that he can provide at the next meeting. GH noted that Youth Work Ireland is working closely with the Men's Shed in Navan with a lot of valuable learning between young and old.</p> <p>ML noted that Meath Partnership are doing some work with the Moynalty Men's Shed around induction and retention of knowledge as there are a lot of new members. There are also 2 Teach na Mná established, one in Navan and another in Ashbourne, a third one is due to open in Athboy soon.</p> <p>The approval of the grant applications as presented was <b>proposed by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott and seconded by Ms. Geraldine Hogarty.</b></p>
	<p><b>Addendum to the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>To approve applications for the additional funding allocated under the Community Enhancement Programme 2018.</b></p> <p>AB informed the Committee of additional funding of €229,030 received for Community Groups under this years' Community Enhancement Programme which was announced on the 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2018.</p> <p>JM asked that if any member present had a conflict of interest that they excuse themselves from the meeting until this item was concluded. JOS and MC excused themselves from the meeting.</p> <p>AB went through how the additional funding was distributed to the applications already received under the scheme;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Those who had been excluded as they had more than one application submitted were included again.</li> <li>- Applications from Men's Sheds that had been excluded due to the additional funding provided specifically for the Men's Sheds were included again where they had applied for a separate project.</li> <li>- The applications that didn't receive anything in the first tranche were included again and awarded funding up to the lowest quotation.</li> <li>- The projects part funded were increased in line with the lowest quotation.</li> </ul>

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	<p>AB went down through the list of the amounts awarded to each group and answered a number of queries.</p> <p>SC enquired why some of the groups were unsuccessful the first time around, AB confirmed that it wasn't that the group was ineligible it was that the scheme was oversubscribed.</p> <p>GH enquired if these groups had already been informed that they were unsuccessful, AB advised that they were and that a new communication will have to issue to advise them of their new allocation.</p> <p>AB also advised that the funding has to be spent by the end of November to allow time for groups to submit claims for payment to them by end of year. If the groups are unable to spend the grant by the end of the year a case will be made to the Department to extend the deadline and that the Council will be as flexible as possible.</p> <p>SWMcD suggested that a communication issue to the Department now advising them that the LCDC anticipate an extension will be required. AB noted that having spoken to some of the groups they are ready to progress their projects now.</p> <p>The approval of the grant applications as presented was <b>proposed by Mr. John V Farrelly and seconded by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott.</b></p> <p>JOS and MC rejoined the meeting.</p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>To approve Q4 2018 SICAP payment to the Programme Implementer (PI)</b></p> <p>AB informed the Committee that members of the sub group met with Pobal a number of weeks ago to review how SICAP is progressing and to prepare for the 2019 Annual Plan. There is a meeting arranged with the sub group and Meath Partnership on the 11<sup>th</sup> October to discuss proposals for the 2019 plan with the draft plan to be brought before the LCDC at the November LCDC meeting.</p> <p>ML noted that the timing of the sub group meeting is advantageous as it is ahead of the deadline for the final draft and it will be useful to have the input of the sub group and the LCDC. He also advised the Committee that he does not see any difficulty in reaching the 2018 targets set by year end.</p> <p>The approval of the Q4 SICAP payment to the Programme Implementer was <b>proposed by Ms. Sheila Comiskey and seconded by Ms. Sadie Ward McDermott.</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive an update on the PPN.</b></p>

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The following update was circulated to the committee:

- There are currently 595 groups registered with Meath PPN.
- PPN Municipal District meetings will be held over September and October as per schedule.

Laytown/Bettystown MD	Village Hotel, Bettystown	7pm – 9pm Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Ratoath MD	Dunshaughlin Civic Offices	7pm – 9pm Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October
Navan MD	Buvinda House, Dublin Road, Navan	7pm – 9pm Tuesday 9th October
Ashbourne	Pillo Hotel, Ashbourne	7pm – 9pm Tuesday 16th October
Kells MD	Headfort Arms, Kells	7pm – 9pm Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Trim MD	Trim Castle Hotel, Trim	7pm – 9pm Wednesday 24th October

- Louth and Meath PPN's met to explore initiatives that could be rolled out jointly, areas including funding and insurance were discussed.
- The PPN Annual Report for 2017 has been published and is available on the PPN website.
- Meath PPN was represented at the National PPN stand during the Ploughing Championships

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7.	<p><b>Agree a date for the next meeting</b></p> <p>Following discussion it was noted that a number of members may not be available on the scheduled date of Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October and the date for the next meeting may need to change. AB to discuss with the Chairperson next week and advise the committee of the date for the next meeting.</p>
8.	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 11.56am.</p>

Signed:  Chairperson      Date: 25/10/2018