



Meeting Minutes

**Meeting held on Friday, 19th December, 2014, at 10.30am in The Board Room,
Buvinda House, Navan.,**

Presiding:

Ms Sinead Smith Social Inclusion Sector

Present:

Ms Jackie Maguire	Chief Executive Meath County Council
Cllr Noel French	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Tom Oxley	Health Service Executive
Mr Des Henry	Department of Social Protection
Mr Michael Ludlow	CEO Meath Partnership
Ms Sheila Comiskey	Social Inclusion Sector
Mr Ian Carey	Environmental Sector
Mr Seamus McGee	Farming Sector
Mr John V Farrelly	Chamber of Commerce
Mr Eamonn Cassells	Meath Community Forum
Mr Garret O'Brien	Meath Community Forum
Ms Geraldine Hogarty	Youth Work Ireland
Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile	Udaras na Gaeltachta
Mr Anton McCabe	Trade Union Sector

Officials:

Mr Kevin Stewart	Chief Officer LCDC Meath County Council
Mr David Jones	Senior Executive Officer, Community & Housing MCC
Ms Áine Bird	Administrative Officer Community Department MCC
Ms Maureen McKinley	Staff Officer Community Department MCC

Apologies:

Cllr Sinead Burke	Councillor Meath County Council
Ms Liz Lavery	Louth Meath Education Training Board

1. Minutes

There was no quorum at the meeting held on 21st November, 2014 so the minutes of the meeting dated 17th October, 2014 were proposed by Mr Des Henry, and seconded by Cllr Noel French.

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SS queried if the date for completing the report by Justin Gleeson from AIRO was still on target. This was confirmed and it was stated that a draft report would be brought to the committee when completed.

2. To receive a presentation from Meath Partnership on the Rural Development Programme (LEADER).

Jennifer Land, Programme Manager gave a presentation on the RDP Leader programme for 2014-2020 and explained that the presentation was in three parts:

LEADER in Ireland

LEADER in Meath

Programme Structure :

Theme 1 - Job Creation

Theme 2 - Social Inclusion

Theme 3 - Environment

She said that the programme will be prepared using Research Analysis, Area-based Consultation, and Sectoral Consultation.

The LEADER Programme will have a strong focus on Rural Tourism and Rural Heritage and that rural areas will be prioritised over urban areas. Towns with a population in excess of 15,000 will no longer be eligible for funding e.g Navan.

The members stressed the importance of engaging with local communities to encourage them to apply for the funding. They also stated that many groups had lost confidence in the previous LEADER Programme due to the burden placed on groups having to abide by rules and regulations, onerous form filling and delays in receiving the funding. The members stated that there was a need to be conscious of consultation overload as the public will be consulted for the LECP and the LEADER programme, so there's a need to try and avoid duplication.

Kevin Stewart advised that an Information Note was circulated by the Department on LEADER 2014-2020 stating the Government's intention to stress the potential for the LCDC to be the LAG (Local Activation Group) with the Local Development Company (LDC) as a key implementation partner will remain. He said that it is expected that the department will invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) in January with an open invitation to all interested parties.

Michael Ludlow stated that the new Leader programme is due to commence in September 2015 and are awaiting a new template for the plan from the department.

3. Update on PPN

Members were given an update on progress of the Public Participation Network. They were informed that all six districts had their meetings to select representatives onto the Secretariat however Navan had a poor turn out and therefore necessary to



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reschedule a further meeting in the New Year for selection. The Community and Social Inclusion pillar didn't select on the night and requested further meetings in the new year and Trim will meet again and nominate at this meeting.

It is anticipated that the Secretariat will meet in February and have training/facilitation to assist them in their responsibilities.

A discussion took place and the following issues raised: the proportion of the representation of the three colleges on the Secretariat. The importance of funding resources for the Secretariat, the engagement of the Support Worker was emphasised, clarify with community groups that the PPN was not a facility to access funding and clarity of the role of the PPN in Local Government and it's importance.

4. Update on LECP

The members were updated on progress and advised that Officials recently met with NUI Maynooth, to further discuss the progression and their assistance into the development of the plan. NUI Maynooth agreed to submit a proposal and costings in in the new year for consideration.

The members were informed that the sub-committee for the plan has met a number of times to discuss how best to proceed with drafting the plan.

5. AOB

The Chair had received correspondence from the Community Workers Co-op in relation to the assessment of the SICAP Tenders.

It was stated that the only criteria to be used in the assessment of the SICAP Tender was that set down by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government and Pobal. The 19th December, 2014 at 12.00pm is the closing date for receipt of SICAP Tenders.

Next meeting agreed for 13th February 2015 in Buvinda House

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____