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Local Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Friday, 13th May, 2015 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 Sinead Burke	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan	Councillor Meath County Council
Ms Liz Lavery	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Mr Tom Oxley	Health Service Executive
Mr Eamonn Cassells	Meath Community Forum
Mr John V Farrelly	Chamber of Commerce
Mr Ian Carey	Environmental Sector
Mr Seamus McGee	Farming Sector
Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Ms Geraldine Hogarty	Youth Work Ireland Meath

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 Olivia Carpenter	Assistant Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies:

Mr Des Henry	Department of Social Protection
Mr Garret O'Brien	Meath Community Forum
Ms Sheila Comiskey	Social Inclusion Sector
Mr Anton McCabe	Trade Union Sector
Mr Michael Ludlow	Meath Partnership

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The minutes of the meeting dated 1st May, 2015 were proposed by Ms Jackie Maguire, and seconded by Ms Geraldine Hogarty.



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2. To receive and ratify the recommendation from the Evaluation Sub-committee on the SICAP tender.

K. Stewart advised that a letter was issued from the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government to the Chief Officer, Chair of the LCDC, Chief Executive and Chair of Meath Partnership. He stated that the Department is directing the LCDC not to make any decision to award the SICAP tender or to take any further steps to making such a decision.

K. Stewart sought legal advice on receipt of the letter and was advised to follow instructions from the Department. As Chief Officer, K. Stewart stated that the LCDC should take no further steps until further notification was received from the Department.

Discussion took place regarding the above. The Chair proposed that a letter be sent to the DoECLG expressing their concern on the delay in awarding the SICAP tender.. Cllr N. French seconded this proposal.

3. To submit an Expression of Interest for LEADER funding and consider the role of the lead implementing body for the delivery of the Leader programme.

An Expression of Interest for LEADER funding is due to be submitted by close Friday evening 15th May, 2015. D. Jones advised that it was Government's preferred option for the LCDC and the Local Action Group to submit a joint Expression of Interest. D. Jones advised that Meath LCDC would be submitting an Expression of Interest and that it was not a requirement to state the lead implementing body at this stage.

Reference was made to a presentation made by Meath Partnership at a previous LCDC meeting on the LEADER programme. It was agreed then that there would be a joint Expression of Interest submitted, with the LCDC as the LAG, and Meath Partnership assuming the lead implementation role.

K. Stewart stated that submitting an Expression of Interest was the beginning of the process and that no contracts have been signed at this stage.

J. Farrelly proposed to proceed with the submission of EOI and this was seconded by Cllr S. Burke.

4. Update on Public Participation Network

D. Jones gave a presentation on the Public Participation Network. S. Smith stated that there is still confusion amongst the Social Inclusion pillar and how the pillar



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communicates to the Secretariat, linkage groups and other pillars. S. Smith sought clarity on the role of the support worker and when will the college representatives sitting on the LCDC will be in place . D. Jones advised that the role of the support worker is to assist the PPN as a whole and that the role would evolve and expand as time goes by. He said that this is work in progress to identify what is required but that the secretariat is the key to the working of the PPN. D. Jones advised that the college representation for the LCDC will come directly from the 3 pillars/colleges.

5. Update on Local Economic and Community Plan

D. Jones gave a presentation on the Local Economic and Community Plan. He said that NUI Maynooth is progressing with the plan and that they will meet the Agencies shortly. NUI has requested that the Agencies submit their key strategy statements/ local policies for them to review and analyse.

He advised that the preparation of the LECP will be led by the Advisory Committee which is made up of LCDC representatives: Sinead Smith, Sheila Comiskey, Cllr Sinead Burke, Anton McCabe and the Economic representatives are Kevin Stewart, Director of Planning & Enterprise, Cllr Joe Fox, Chair of Planning & Economic SPC, Colm McCoy, Economic Section and the Head of LEO (Local Enterprise Office) when he/she is appointed.

The Chair also advised that the Leader consultation will take place in the Autumn which will cause confusion, both consultations should take place together if possible.

6. AOB

There was no date agreed for the next meeting as consultations will be scheduled with each Agency for input into the LECP in June.

Meeting Concluded.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____