



Meeting Minutes

**Meeting held on Friday, 1st 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
Mr Michael Ludlow CEO Meath Partnership
Mr Eamonn Cassells Meath Community Forum
Mr Garret O'Brien Meath Community Forum
Ms Sheila Comiskey Social Inclusion Sector
Mr John V Farrelly Chamber of Commerce
Mr Ian Carey Environmental Sector
Mr Seamus McGee Farming Sector
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 Olivia Carpenter Assistant Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Mr Rory McEntee Law Agent, MCC

Apologies:

Mr Des Henry Department of Social Protection
Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile Udaras na Gaeltachta
Mr Tom Oxley Health Service Executive
Ms Áine Bird Administrative Officer Community Department MCC

Absent:

Mr Anton McCabe Trade Union Sector
Ms Liz Lavery Louth Meath Education Training Board

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The minutes of the meeting dated 13th February, 2015 were proposed by Mr Garret O'Brien, and seconded by Ms Sheila Comiskey.



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

M. Ludlow advised that there would be a conflict of interest with him in relation to Item 2 and Item 3 of the Agenda and left the meeting.

K. Stewart advised that a briefing session was held in March 2015 to discuss issues regarding the SICAP tender process, and invited R. McEntee, law agent for Meath County Council, to provide an update on recent developments regarding same.

Members were advised that the Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government and Meath Partnership had requested that the decision to conclude the SICAP tendering process be further deferred by the LCDC, so as to allow current discussions between both parties to arrive at a conclusion. Reference was made to current High Court proceedings and extended timeframes before legal action would commence, which now stood at 25th May 2015. The necessity for the LCDC to conclude the SICAP tendering process before this date, in order to avoid legal action, was emphasised.

Discussion took place regarding the above. R. McEntee advised that the LCDC should defer making a decision on SICAP at this point but reconvene prior to 25th May 2015 to finalise.

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.

D. Jones advised that Leader allocations were announced and Meath received an allocation of just under €7million. Members were advised that it was Government policy that the LCDC would be the Local Action Group in respect to the delivery of LEADER at local level, with the Local Development Company as the lead implementing body and the local authority as the lead financial partner.

Reference was made to a presentation by Meath Partnership to an earlier LCDC meeting on LEADER, and general agreement at official level that there would be a joint Expression of Interest submitted, with the LCDC as the LAG, and Meath Partnership assuming the lead implementation role.

In reference to discussions under Item 2 above, R. McEntee advised that this matter also be deferred.

It was agreed to schedule a further meeting of the LCDC for 13th May 2015 to conclude on Items 2 & 3.



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4. AOB

- G.O'Brien stated that the Secretariat of the PPN will be issuing a letter to the LCDC regarding Agenda time at a LCDC meeting. S. Smith also requested that the PPN be put on the Agenda for the next LCDC meeting and in particular discuss role of Support Worker and expectations from both the PPN and the Local Authority.
- S. Smith also requested that the Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) be put on the Agenda. D. Jones advised that the next stage of the plan involved consultation with the Agencies / LCDC Members which will take place in May.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May, 2015.

Meeting Concluded.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____