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Local Community Development Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Friday, 21st November 2014, at 10am in the Council Chamber,
County Hall, Railway Street, Navan

Presiding:

Ms Sinead Smith Social Inclusion Sector

Present:

Cllr Noel French	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Des Henry	Department of Social Protection
Mr Michael Ludlow	CEO Meath Partnership
Mr Eamonn Cassells	Meath Community Forum
Ms Sheila Comiskey	Social Inclusion Sector
Mr Seamus McGee	Farming Sector
Mr Tadhg McConghaile	Udaras Na Gaeltachta

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
Ms Jill Jacob	Clerical Officer, Community Department MCC

Justin Gleeson, AIRO, NUI, Maynooth

Apologies:

Mr Hugh Reilly	Head of Local Enterprise Office
Mr Anton McCabe	Trade Union Sector
Ms Jackie Maguire	Chief Executive Meath County Council
Mr Tom Oxley	Health Service Executive
Cllr Sinead Burke	Councillor Meath County Council
Ms Liz Lavery	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Mr Ian Carey	Environmental Sector
Cllr Sharon Keogan	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Garret O'Brien	Meath Community Forum
Mr John V Farrelly	Chamber of Commerce

1. Minutes

The minutes of meeting held the 17th October 2014 (encl.) could not be adopted as there was not a quorum of committee members present at the meeting.



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2. Presentation

Justin Gleeson Director of All-Island Research Observatory (AIRO), NUI, Maynooth gave a presentation on initial findings and data analysis for the Local Economic Community Plan.

The following issues were raised by the members:

The data being used from the census is out of date, should use the annual data sets available from the various Government Departments.

Can data be extracted for the Region, County, Municipal Districts and small areas?

Is the data that was collated for the Economic Strategy being used for the report/

NUI Maynooth advised that the last Census is the most up to date information until the next Census is completed. Statistics are being used from the various Government departments. The data collected for the economic strategy is being used in the report.

Mr Gleeson also advised that one day workshops are held monthly in NUI to assist persons on using the AIRO toolkit to collate and map data. These workshops can also be held in the workplace if requested.

3. Update on PPN

Áine Bird gave an update on progress and advised that information sessions have been held in each of the 6 districts. Meetings to progress the selection of representatives for the Secretariat have also been held with the Community and Environmental Pillars. 2 members were selected at the Environmental Pillar meeting to sit on the Secretariat. After the Pillar meetings, there will be follow on meetings in each of the districts for selection process to the secretariat.

Registration closed on 14th November 2014 with 323 applications received to date from various groups.

4. A.O.B

An end of year report from Pobal on the Local Community Development Programme (LCDP) 2014 was circulated to the members and noted.

The Chairperson welcomed Mr Tadhg McConghaile representing Udaras Na Gaeltachta to the meeting. She also advised that notification was only received yesterday that Ms Geraldine Hogarty will be the representative for Youth Work Ireland.

David Jones gave an update on SICAP. Michael Ludlow left the room due to a conflict of interest. He advised that two committees have been set up to evaluate the tenders as per the guidelines. The Evaluation committee is made up of himself, a Senior Engineer with experience in tendering /procurement and the financial accountant. This committee will be responsible for assessing and scoring the tenders and reporting to the evaluation sub-committee on their recommendations. He advised that the sub-



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committee is made up of the Chief Officer, 3 LCDC members that were agreed at the October meeting and the council's procurement officer.

The evaluation committee will meet and discuss their roles prior to the closing date for receipt of tenders on the 19th December 2014. Pobal is holding two training sessions for evaluation committee members in late December and in early January 2015.

David Jones also gave an update on the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP) and advised that a steering group is in place and have met twice to discuss the process for the plan.

A further update will be given at the December meeting.

Kevin Stewart advised that a meeting took place with Meath Partnership regarding the Rural Development Programme (leader) 2014-2020 as per Circular AL05/2014.

Meath Partnership will give a presentation on the Rural Development programme 2015 at the next LCDC Meeting on 19th December 2014.

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Singed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____