



Meeting held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 10.30am in the Ardboyne Hotel,  
Navan, Co Meath

**Presiding:**

Ms Sinead Smith                      Social Inclusion Sector

**Present:**

Cllr Noel French	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sinead Burke	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Des Henry	Department of Social Protection
Mr Tom Oxley	Health Service Executive
Mr Michael Ludlow	Meath Partnership
Mr Eamon Cassells	Community Sector
Mr John Higgins	Community Sector
Ms Sheila Comiskey	Social Inclusion Sector
Mr Seamus McGee	Farming Sector
Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Ms Geraldine Hogarty	Youth Work Ireland Meath

**Officials:**

Mr Barry Lynch	Chief Officer LCDC, MCC
Mr David Jones	Senior Executive Officer, Community & Housing MCC
Ms Áine Bird	Administrative Officer Community Department MCC
Ms Mary McCarthy	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

**Apologies:**

Ms Jackie Maguire	Chief Executive Meath County Council
Ms Liz Lavery	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Mr Ian Carey	Environmental Sector
Mr John V Farrelly	Business Sector
Mr Joe English	Head of Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Ms Á Bird read out a letter of resignation received from Mr Anton McCabe which was noted and accepted by the committee. The committee is to write to the Congress of Trade Unions seeking a replacement representative.



#### 1. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015

The minutes of the meeting dated 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 were proposed by **Mr Des Henry, Department of Social Protection** and seconded by **Ms Sheila Comiskey, Social Inclusion Sector**.

#### 2. Election of Vice Chairperson

**Mr John Higgins, Community Sector** was elected as Vice Chairperson of the LCDC on the proposal of **Cllr Sharon Keogan** and seconded by **Cllr Sinead Burke**.

#### 3. To approve the End of Year Report 2015 and Annual Plan 2016 for SICAP

Following review by the SICAP Sub Group on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016 of the End of Year Report and Narrative for 2015, it was **proposed by Cllr Sinead Burke** that the LCDC approve the End of Year Report 2015 and Narrative. This was **seconded by Mr John Higgins, Community Sector**.

**Annual Plan 2016:** Michael Ludlow from the PI gave a presentation on the Annual Plan for 2016. Some of the following points were raised:

- a. To ensure that there is no duplication in work that the other agencies are delivering in. SICAP should focus on targeting persons who are most in need and disadvantaged and who cannot access supports, already in place by the relevant agencies.
- b. Concerns were raised about the capacity vis a vis the delivery of SICAP i.e the low funding level and resources by the PI to deliver.
- c. Suggested involve other organizations in co-running initiatives and then taking over them, which would free up resources to look at other areas and groups. It was suggested to look at Tiny Talk & Later Life programmes in this regard.
- d. The role of the Youth Engagement Initiative is one of an Inter Agency Workgroup. The role of all agencies involved in the SICAP programme is to find disadvantaged young people who are not engaged with any agency and encourage engagement from them.

Further to the presentation and discussion around the Annual Plan 2016 it was **proposed by Cllr Sinead Burke** to approve the plan. This proposal was **seconded by Mr John Higgins, Community Sector**.



#### 4. To receive an update on the LECP

Mr David Jones, SEO, Meath County Council gave a brief update on the draft LECP. He advised that the Economic element has been integrated into the plan. This is now complete and sustainable objectives have been identified. The plan has been presented to the Economic SPC. The plan has been submitted to the Regional Assembly and will be presented to the 6 Municipal Districts during February. Comments from these will be processed. Further to this it is hoped to bring the plan to the Full Council Meeting of either March or April to be adopted as a Reserved Function of the Councilors.

Issue raised that keeping the balance between the two elements of the plan will be an ongoing challenge which will require ongoing work to fully integrate the two pieces. A copy of the Integrated Draft LECP plan to be circulated to the LCDC Members.

#### 5. To review the membership of the LCDC sub-committees.

It was agreed that representatives from other organizations of the LCDC should sit on the 3 sub committees already in place.

The following persons have agreed to be representatives on the Sub Groups as follows:

- **SICAP Sub Group** – Mr Des Henry, DSP to advise a suitable representation for this group from DSP. Seek representative from LMETB.
- **LECP Advisory Committee** – Mr Tom Oxley, HSE. To request Ms Liz Lavery, LMETB to agree on a suitable representative to join this Sub Group.
- **LEADER Sub Group** – Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile , Údarás na Gaeltachta and Ms Geraldine Hogarty, Youth Work Ireland Meath have agreed to be representatives on this group.

Mr Des Henry, DSP raised the issue of the Evaluation Sub Committee for Leader. He advised that the Evaluation Committee is required to comprise of others outside of the LCDC. It was suggested that it would be possibly a May start for receiving Leader applications. It was advised that once the draft Operational Guidelines have been finalised there would be a dedicated meeting organised of the LCDC to advise of the LAG responsibilities.

**LDS Update:** David Jones advised that the draft LDS was submitted to the Department in December. There are 18 LDS's submitted to the Department



for review. Pobal has sought more information on the LDS which is to be submitted to them by February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016.

#### 6. A.O.B

- a. The Chairperson requested that members familiarize themselves with the document 'Our Communities - A Framework Policy for Local and Community Development in Ireland (2015)' which was distributed prior to this meeting, and has requested it to be on the next Agenda for brief discussion, comments and feedback.
- b. PPN Update: there is a fund available of €50,000 from the department with the council providing €30,000. This is available for website setup, IT equipment, workplans however the bulk of this will be for the salary of the support worker. It was advised that the structure is now in place with the Secretariat and Linkage Groups however participation of groups is an issue. It was stated that other LA's (Galway, South Dublin Etc) have employed an independent PPN Worker and queries were raised whether Meath will be doing this.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Meeting Concluded.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_