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***Local Community Development Committee
 Meeting – 23rd February, 2018***

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins (JH)

Community Sector

Present:

Ms Jackie Maguire (JK)

Chief Executive Meath County Council

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST)

Councillor Meath County Council

Cllr Sinead Burke (SB)

Councillor Meath County Council

Cllr Sharon Keogan (SK)

Councillor Meath County Council

Mr Joe English (JE)

Local Enterprise Office

Ms Margaret Cranney (MC)

Dept of Social Protection

Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)

Health Service Executive

Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)

Meath Partnership

Ms Jacinta O'Sullivan (JOS)

Social Inclusion

Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)

Environmental Sector

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)

Farming Sector

Mr Robert Bradley (RB)

Trade Union Sector

Officials:

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)

Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Áine Bird (AB)

Administrative Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Karen Dalton (KD)

Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Olivia Carpenter (OC)

Assistant Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies/Absent

Mr Tadhg Ó'Conghaile (TOC)

Údarás Na Gaeltachta

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)

Louth Meath Education Training Board

Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)

Community Sector

Ms Sheila Comiskey (SC)

Social Inclusion

Mr John V Farrelly (JVF)

Business Sector

Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)

Youth Work Ireland Meath

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th January, 2018</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 26th January, 2018 were proposed by Suzanne Brady and seconded by Cllr Sharon Tolan.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>FF briefly went through the following correspondence which was circulated to all members prior to meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Traveller Ethnicity Celebration, Thursday, 1 March ii. Invitation to Pobal Regional Seminar – ‘Enabling inclusive communities: achievements, challenges, future directions’ <p>JE advised the Committee that the Social Enterprise Fund is currently open and being advertised on the radio and in the press. He gave a brief outline of the scheme and answered a number of queries from the Committee. Posters and leaflets were distributed to the Committee for circulation.</p>
4.	<p>To consider an Annual Report on the performance of the LCDC under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2014 (S128B of the LG Act 2001)</p> <p>JH complimented the work carried out to collate the information included in the Annual Report.</p> <p>FF noted that the Annual Report sets out the activities of the LCDC over the last 12 months. If approved the Annual Report will be presented to the next meeting of the Full Council scheduled to take place on Monday 5th March.</p> <p>SB enquired if the Annual Report could be circulated to Community Groups. FF confirmed that the report can be published and circulated once it is approved by the Full Council.</p> <p>Approval of the Annual Report on the performance of the LCDC under Part 6 of the Local Government Act 2014 (S128B of the LG Act 2001) was proposed by Suzanne Brady and seconded by Michael Ludlow.</p> <p>JM joined the meeting.</p>

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5.	<p>To receive an update on the Healthy Ireland projects</p> <p>FF provided the following update to the Committee:</p> <p>Following approval by the LCDC of the projects to be submitted for funding under the Healthy Ireland Fund at the September LCDC meeting, approval by Pobal was received on 23rd November 2017. Work has since commenced on the procurement process and planning the healthy living seminars.</p> <p>Ashbourne Sli na Slainte</p> <p>Outfit Outdoor Exercise Equipment Ltd has been appointed to install 8No. pieces of outdoor exercise equipment along the Sli na Slainte route. Work commenced on Tuesday 20th February and is expected to be completed within 10 days.</p> <p>The healthy living programmes have been commenced by the Meath Local Sports Partnership and are proving very popular. Training will be provided on the use of the outdoor exercise equipment which will be incorporated into the walks being arranged.</p> <p>Kells Harvest Walk</p> <p>Work is ongoing on the upgrading of the surfacing along the Harvest Walk. It is expected to be completed by the end of the month.</p> <p>The healthy living programmes have been commenced by the Meath Local Sports Partnership and are proving very popular. The Harvest Walk will be available to use by all members of the community when completed and can be incorporated into the walks arranged by Meath LSP.</p> <p>Lobinstown Playground</p> <p>A contractor, Creative Play Space has been appointed to construct the playground. Work commenced in early February and it is anticipated that the project will be completed within 8 weeks.</p> <p>Following the update FF answered a number of queries raised by the Committee. FF advised the Committee that the Department have indicated that this fund will be available again in 2018 and asked that if any member has a project that they wish to put forward to do so as soon as possible so that the initial preparations can be made.</p> <p>JH enquired if the Department have indicated what funding schemes will be available in 2018. FF confirmed that the Minister Ring has indicated that the Department will be launching schemes as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CLAR scheme in March - Town & Village Renewal Scheme in April - RAPID/Community Facilities Scheme in May
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<p>6.</p>	<p>To agree the SICAP 2018-22 plan uploaded to the IRIS system as per the tender submitted</p> <p>FF noted that the plan was being brought to the LCDC for information purposes as it was already approved by the LCDC at a previous meeting.</p> <p>FF advised the Committee that Meath Partnership are in the process of finalising the input of the information on the 2018 Annual Plan into the IRIS system. FF noted that the plan was circulated to the SICAP sub group in January and that it will be circulated to the Committee for their information.</p> <p>ML noted that this SICAP programme is a better one than its predecessor, ML also noted that they have been unable to put figures on the expected outcomes to date, they have a small number of funding applications currently being assessed which will determine what can be achieved above and beyond the targets set in the SICAP Annual Plan for 2018, it is anticipated that Meath Partnership will have a better indication of what additional outcomes will be achievable by the end of March 2018.</p> <p>MC enquired if the new programme has any actions to assist people with setting up their own business. ML confirmed that while it is not specifically part of the new programme that they are anxious to maintain the service and will be pursuing additional funding for it. MC noted that there is a back to work scheme that the DSP run which is now being monitored, as part of the monitoring process it has been noted that the participants are struggling with the bookkeeping aspect and asked that some kind of support service for this be looked into. JE advised that the LEO run a basic bookkeeping training course. MC suggested that consideration be given as to how links can be made between the participants and the training available.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the PPN.</p> <p>The following update was circulated to the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertising campaign with LMFM commenced on 12th February and will run for 4 weeks. An interview with a member of the Secretariat took place on LMFM on 16th February. • Application process for the defibrillators purchased by the PPN is open. • Training on governance, fundraising and data protection will commence Thursday 22nd February. • Weekly updates continue to be sent out and information posted on the website/facebook regularly. • PPN Annual Report for 2017 is in progress, a lot more detail is required for the report compared to 2016. <p>JH enquired if it was mandatory for groups to register with the PPN. FF confirmed that it is not a prerequisite for being awarded a Community Grant.</p>

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8.	<p>Agree a date for the next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for the 23rd March, 2018 at 10.30am.</p>
9.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 11.00 a.m.</p>

Signed: John L. Heagy
Chairperson

Date: 23rd March 2018

