

Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes Local Community Development Committee Meeting – 26th May, 2017

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins

Community Sector

Present:

Cllr Sharon Tolan Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sinead Burke Councillor Meath County Council

Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile Údarás na Gaeltachta

Ms Margaret Cranney Dept of Social Protection

Mr Michael Ludlow Meath Partnership
Mr Eamonn Cassells Community Sector
Ms Sheila Comiskey Social Inclusion Sector

Mr John V Farrelly Business Sector

Ms Suzanne Brady Environmental Sector

Mr Seamus McGee Farming Sector
Mr Robert Bradley Trade Union Sector

Ms Geraldine Hogarty Youth Work Ireland Meath

Officials:

Mr Barry Lynch Chief Officer LCDC, MCC

Ms Fiona Fallon Senior Executive Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Aoife Fegan Staff Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Karen Dalton Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies/Absent

Ms Jackie Maguire Chief Executive Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Joe English Head of Local Enterprise Office

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott Louth Meath Education Training Board

Mr Tom Oxley Health Service Executive

Ms Jacinta O'Sullivan Social Inclusion



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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 28 th April, 2017
	The minutes of the meeting of the 28 th April, 2017 were proposed by Tadhg O Conghaile and seconded by Cllr Sinead Burke.
2.	Matters arising
	There were no matters arising.
3.	Correspondence
	BL advised the Committee of an email received from Des Henry, Employment Support Services, DSP regarding a targeted call for Community Services Programme (CSP) proposals. A discussion ensued whereby M.L explained the difficulty regarding budgeting. T.O.C questioned the number of submissions, M.L explained that Claremont Stadium has been a beneficiary – the beneficiaries must be a profitable & sustainable social enterprise.
4.	Update from Chief Officer
	Mr. Barry Lynch provided the following update:
	LECP
	 There will be an interim review required in 2018 Small Area Population Statistics based on the 2016 census are due to become available in July 2017. This will impact on the evidence base for the LECP and review of same. Monitoring guidance for the LECP still to issue from the DHPCLG. The Dept's LECP advisory group is working on same. A uniform template with high level objectives to be designed.
	LCDC
	 The Chair is to rotate every three years. This requirement has been met in Meath The Chief Officer is required to carry out a review of membership every three years in consultation with the Chairperson and CPG of representatives of Geographical areas Community and Voluntary Interests Social Inclusion Interests Environmental Interests and Other local community and social partner interests



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This review is now due to take place and should ensure continuity while taking into account that no member will serve for two consecutive three year terms. It should be noted that there has been considerable change in the membership in Meath which should assist in this regard.

- 3. The Dept. has identified eight pathfinder LCDCS which they are working with to develop good practice models.
- 4. The Dept. is working to develop capacity building training for LCDC members and staff. Some schemes have been developed by DCU and NUIG. A meeting of the Chief officers and Directors of Community is being held on 31st May in Tullamore to progress this.

SICAP

 The Dept has advised that a Prior Information Notice be placed in the OJEU. This in advance of a procurement process in respect of the new SICAP programme that will commence in 2018.

5. To receive an update on the mid-year review for SICAP

FF advised that the SICAP mid-year review report must be uploaded to the IRIS system by 14th June 2017. The SICAP subgroup is scheduled to meet on the 20th June to review this report. The midyear review report will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting on the 30th June, 2017.

6. To receive an update on the PPN

The following update was received from the PPN:

- The plenary took place on the evening of 24th of May, 2017 in the Knightsbrook Hotel and was very well attended.
- Presentations included an update on the issues raised by members in the Municipal District meetings which included funding related issues, in particular to the growing cost of insurance and the increasing bureaucracy for grant applications.
- Crime & safety, the lack of services targeting young people, networking & communication among groups.
- REDC gave a presentation on the findings of the waste survey carried out in Meath and key areas of focus included initiatives targeting secondary schools/sports clubs, increased recycling facilities, process for reporting illegal dumping, lack of enforcement and monitoring of litter black spots was identified.



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	 Getting involved in the linkage groups was one of the themes of the plenary and updates were given on each of the committee's that have PPN representation. The application process for defibrillators was announced and the work plan was ratified by the members.
7.	Agree a date for the next meeting The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for the 30 th June, 2017.
8.	A.O.B. Fiona Fallon advised members that a text messaging facility would be used next month for confirmation or apologies for the attendance of meetings.
	Next LCDC meeting scheduled for Friday, 30 th June 2017 @ 10.30am.

Signed:

Chairnerson

Date: 30/06/2017