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**Local Community Development Committee  
 Meeting – 25th May, 2018**

**Presiding:**

Mr John Higgins (JH)

Community Sector

**Present:**

Ms Jackie Maguire (JK)

Chief Executive Meath County Council

Cllr Sharon Keogan (SK)

Councillor Meath County Council

Mr Tadhg Ó'Conghaile (TOC)

Údarás Na Gaeltachta

Ms Margaret Cranney (MC)

Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection

Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)

Health Service Executive

Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)

Meath Partnership

Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)

Community Sector

Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)

Environmental Sector

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)

Farming Sector

Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)

Youth Work Ireland Meath

**Officials:**

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)

Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Áine Bird (AB)

Administrative Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Joan Carroll (JC)

Senior Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Karen Dalton (KD)

Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

**Apologies/Absent**

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST)

Councillor Meath County Council

Cllr Sinead Burke (SB)

Councillor Meath County Council

Mr Joe English (JE)

Local Enterprise Office

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)

Louth Meath Education Training Board

Ms Sheila Comiskey (SC)

Social Inclusion

Ms Jacinta O'Sullivan (JOS)

Social Inclusion

Mr John V Farrelly (JVF)

Business Sector

Mr Robert Bradley (RB)

Trade Union Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018</b></p> <p>ML noted that the item under No. 2 “Matters arising” regarding the TUS Programme should read “quota of 260 participants.” rather than “budget of €8,500.”. It was agreed that the minutes would be updated accordingly.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 were proposed by Cllr Sharon Keogan and seconded by Seamus McGee.</p>
2.	<p><b>Update on the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b></p> <p>FF advised the committee that the Council hold some data on the LCDC members for the purpose of corresponding with the committee on LCDC and LAG business only. This data is name, postal address, telephone numbers, email address and sector represented. FF asked the committee members to advise if they have an issue with this information being held for this purpose. FF also advised that an email will issue following the meeting to confirm this.</p> <p>No issues raised at the meeting.</p>
3.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
4.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>FF advised the Committee of two pieces of correspondence received;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Email from the HSE regarding the Dementia friendly garden at Bloom</li> <li>ii. Letter from Fergal Fox - HSE information for Local Community Development Committees</li> </ul>
5.	<p><b>To approve projects submitted for funding under the Healthy Ireland Fund</b></p> <p>Due to a conflict of interest MC excused herself from the meeting for this item of business.</p> <p>FF provided the following synopsis to the committee on the applications received for the Healthy Ireland Fund and the projects to be considered for approval.</p> <p>“In late April, details of Strand 2 of the Healthy Ireland Fund were published. It was proposed that the €75,000 was the maximum proposed allocation to each LCDC with a closing date for receipt of applications by 3pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018.</p>

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Following the information session held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018, expressions of interest were sought for projects from LCDC members and Age Friendly Alliance members.

9 No. expressions of interest were submitted. An assessment of all EOI's was carried out to determine compliance with the scheme criteria. The following projects are being proposed for submission to Pobal and require the approval of the LCDC:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proposed Allocation</b>
Carlanstown Kilbeg Community Development group	Supply and installation of an Agility trail in the Deerpark facility which is a cowpark leased from the Council by the group	€25,000
Meath LCDC	Preparation of a Healthy Ireland Strategy specific to Meath	€15,000
Meath Local Sports Partnership	12 week programme aimed at persons with low or no daily activity. The participants are required to gradually increase their steps and active minutes over the day/week with seminars relating to healthy eating, getting active, smoking cessation and tutor led walking sessions.	€13,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Age	Meath Age Well Programme	€17,000
Meath County Council/Meath Local Sports Partnership	Installation of sensory walls in Blackwater Park, Navan for children with Special needs	€5,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€75,000</b>

It is expected that Pobal will notify LCDC's in August if projects are approved. No expenditure relating to any of the projects can be incurred prior to this approval date and all projects must be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019."

TOC enquired why there was a drop in the available funding amount. FF advised that this is what was available through the exchequer.

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	<p>SB enquired if the Dementia Garden could have been considered. FF advised that contact was made with the care home in Trim, however there are some renovation works taking place at the moment so they would not be ready, however it can be considered to be put forward as an EOI next year.</p> <p>DK enquired about the unsuccessful projects, FF outlined each of the unsuccessful projects and the reason why they were not selected, FF also confirmed that the same rules applied to each LCDCC.</p> <p>JH reminded the committee that the Social Innovation Fund and Social Enterprise Fund can be considered for match funding.</p> <p>Agreement to forward the proposed projects as outlined by FF to Pobal for inclusion in this years' Healthy Ireland Fund was proposed by Jackie Maguire and seconded by Geraldine Hogarty.</p> <p>MC rejoined the meeting.</p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive an update on the PPN.</b></p> <p>The following update was circulated to the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary took place on the 16th May in Buvinda House. The plenary was hosted by the Social Inclusion College. The opening and closing address was given by Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson of the UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination who outlined the importance of participatory engagement through the PPN. Presentations were given on the evening focusing on Community Development in Meath, the Regional Homeless Strategy and the Children and Young People's Strategy for Meath. There were 25 Social Inclusion stands present providing information on services in Meath. The workplan for 2018 was adopted by the members present.</li> <li>• Issues raised at the plenary included the lack of emergency provision for homeless people in Meath, the lack of engagement by young people particularly young Travellers with the PPN and the short timeframe given to apply for some grant schemes that are advertised. It was acknowledged that while progress is being made through the PPN structures, representation needs to be strengthened to advance social inclusion issues in Meath.</li> <li>• The PPN is supporting Cultur to host the first ever Africa Day Event in Meath on Friday 25th May in Buvinda House. The event will celebrate African cultures through song, dance and costume.</li> </ul>

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7.	<p><b>Agree a date for the next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 10.30am.</p>
8.	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p>FF advised the Committee that the SICAP midyear review will be on the June LCDC Agenda. Pobal have indicated that the information is to be uploaded onto the Iris system by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 10.58am.</p>

Signed: *John J. Higgins* Date: 29/06/2018  
Chairperson

