



Coiste um Fhorbairt Pobail Áitiúil na Mí
Meath Local Community Development
Committee

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Local Community Development Committee Meeting – 30th September 2016

Presiding:

Ms Sinead Smith Social Inclusion Sector

Present:

Ms Jackie Maguire	Chief Executive Meath County Council
Cllr Sinead Burke	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Michael Ludlow	Meath Partnership
Mr Eamon Cassells	Community Sector
Mr John Higgins	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 Mary McCarthy	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Olivia Carpenter	Assistant Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies:

Mr Joe English	Head of Local Enterprise Office
Mr Des Henry	Department of Social Protection
Mr Tom Oxley	Health Service Executive
Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile	Údarás na Gaeltachta

Vacant:

Vacant	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Vacant	Councillor Meath County Council

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Item	Discussion / Action
	<p>At the start of meeting Ms Sinead Smith, Chairperson, raised the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcomed Ms Suzanne Brady to the LCDC as the replacement representative from the Environment Pillar. 2. Advised the LCDC of the resignation of Cllr Noel French. Item on agenda of Full Council meeting of 3rd October 2016 to nominate new Councillor Representative. 3. Advised the LCDC that Ms Liz Lavery has moved on from the LMETB – discussions have been had with the new CEO and it is hoped to have a new representative in place for the October LCDC meeting. 4. Expression of condolences on behalf of the LCDC to Mr Eamon Cassells on the death of his brother Mr Vivien Cassells.
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2016</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 22nd July 2016 were proposed by Cllr Sharon Keogan and seconded by Ms Jackie Maguire, Chief Executive, Meath County Council</p>
2.	<p>Election of Chairperson</p> <p>A discussion was had around the election of a new Chairperson. It was stated that Ms Sinead Smith was an excellent Chairperson and made it very easy to understand the LCDC process. Ms Smith advised that the Chairperson attends the National Chairpersons meeting, the next one being held in October. The Chairperson also attends the SICAP and LECP Sub Groups and also the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson meet outside of this also. It was agreed by the LCDC that if Ms Sinead Smith was willing to remain as Chairperson then the LCDC would be in agreement that she stay on. Ms Sinead Smith was proposed as Chairperson by Mr John Higgins and was seconded by Mr Michael Ludlow.</p>

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3.	<p>Election of Vice Chairperson</p> <p>Mr John Higgins was proposed as Vice Chairperson by Ms Sinead Smith and was seconded by Ms Jackie Maguire.</p>
4.	<p>To approve Quarter 4 2016 SICAP payment to the Programme Implementer</p> <p>Meath Partnership gave a brief presentation to the SICAP Sub Group regarding the current status of the SICAP 2016 programme. It was noted that due to the dry up of referrals from DSP they were not achieving some of the targets. However, they are working on the ground to address this. Further to this SICAP Sub Group meeting it was agreed that the Sub Group recommend to LCDC that Q4 payment be released.</p> <p>Subsequent to the discussion, it was agreed by the LCDC that Q4 payment would be released. The payment for Q4 was proposed by Ms Jackie Maguire and was seconded by Ms Sheila Comiskey.</p>
5.	<p>To agree a launch date for the LECP</p> <p>It was noted that the National launch of the LECP took place at the Ploughing Championships on the 20th September 2016. A discussion was held around having a local launch of the LECP. It was agreed that it would be one launch rather than one for each Municipal District. It was also agreed that the PPN be involved in it to encourage participation. It was also agreed that the initial idea of launching the LECP during Social Inclusion week was not viable due to time constraints. It was decided for a launch date in November. Mr Barry Lynch and Ms Fiona Fallon to liaise with the Chairperson on securing a suitable venue and the logistics of the launch.</p>

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6.	<p>To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)</p> <p>It was advised that the PPN Support Worker, Ms Catherina O'Rourke, started with Meath County Council on the 22nd September 2016. Ms O'Rourke attended the Secretarial meeting of the PPN on Tuesday night (27th September 2016). She will also be meeting with the Secretariat again in the coming weeks to progress workload and programme. It was stated that there were over 420 groups registered on the PPN Network. It was also agreed that Ms O'Rourke give an update on the Secretariat and work programme to the LCDC in early 2017.</p>
7.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>1. Leader Launch: Mr Michael Ludlow gave an overview of the Leader launch night. Mr Ludlow advised that over 250 people attended the event with a mix of people from different sectors. He outlined that Ms Jackie Maguire spoke first, followed by Ms Marian Harkin, MEP. Ms Jennifer Land, Programme Manager gave an outline of the process involved with Leader and finally Mr Damien English, Minister for Housing and Urban Renewal launched the Leader Programme. Mr Ludlow advised that prior to leaving the launch night that they had over 80 enquiries and 2 completed Expressions of Interest. At Municipal district, it was felt that areas which didn't benefit from the last programme would be targeted initially. These areas include Castlejordan/Ballinbrackey, North of Garristown into Ardcaith, Lobinstown/Rathkenny etc</p> <p>2. Our Communities – National Forum: it was advised that The Framework Policy for Local and Community Development is now in place. To deliver on this Policy there was a need to develop an Implementation Plan. Our Communities – A National Forum will take place on 2nd November 2016 and will contribute to the development of the Plan. Information on this forum to be circulated to LCDC Members.</p> <p>3. Action Plan for Rural Ireland: Members of the LCDC were encouraged to make submissions in relation to the Action Plan for Rural Ireland. Information and details were distributed to the LCDC Members.</p> <p>4. Creating an Inclusive Labour Market: Pobal is hosting a one-day, national conference</p>



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	<p>which will bring together employment service providers from the statutory, community, local development and private sectors to discuss challenges and good practice regarding the creation of inclusive labour markets in Ireland. This event will be held in the Helix Theatre, Dublin City University on Wednesday, 9th November, 2016</p> <p>5. Next LCDC meeting to be held on Wednesday 26th October 2016.</p>
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Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____