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**Local Community Development Committee
 Meeting – 24th November, 2017**

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins (JH) Community Sector

Present:

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST)	Councillor Meath County Council
Ms Margaret Cranney (MC)	Dept of Social Protection
Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)	Health Service Executive
Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)	Meath Partnership
Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)	Community Sector
Mr John V Farrelly (JVF)	Business Sector
Ms Suzanne Brady (SB)	Environmental Sector
Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)	Farming Sector
Mr Robert Bradley (RB)	Trade Union Sector
Cllr Sinead Burke (SB)	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan (SK)	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Tadhg Ó'Conghaile (TOC)	Údarás Na Gaeltachta
Ms Jacinta O'Sullivan (JOS)	Social Inclusion

Officials:

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)	Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Áine Bird (AB)	Administrative Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Aoife Fegan (AF)	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Olivia Carpenter (OC)	Asst. Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies/Absent

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)	Chief Executive 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 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 27th October, 2017</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 27th of October, 2017 were proposed John V Farrelly and seconded by Cllr Sharon Tolan.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>There was no correspondence received.</p>
4.	<p>To approve applications for funding under the Rapid Programme 2017.</p> <p>Mr John Higgins and Mr Michael Ludlow stepped out of the meeting due to conflict of interest in applications submitted. Cllr Sinead Burke as vice chair took over the meeting. Details of the proposed applications were circulated. FF advised that €64,500 had been received under the scheme with a very short timeframe to complete projects and draw down the funding by the 31st December 2017. She stated that the recommendation of the LCDC will go to the Full Council meeting in December for approval.</p> <p>A discussion ensued and the committee agreed that the entire funding should be used to progress one project as opposed to small amounts funding various projects.</p> <p>The committee recommended that the entire fund be allocated to the Laytown Village Enhancement project. This recommendation will be presented to the next meeting of the full council in December for approval.</p>
5.	<p>To receive an update on the PPN.</p> <p>The following update was circulated to the committee:</p> <p>The plenary was held on the 18th November with over 80 groups represented. The day included workshops on funding applications, fundraising, insurance and a regulation update for community & voluntary groups. There were also 13 information stands representing a number of different services. The feedback from the day was very positive with a number of attendees highlighting that they would welcome further opportunities of training. This will</p>

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	<p>be a focus for the PPN in 2018.</p> <p>The Secretariat have agreed to purchase a further 5 defibrillators to respond to the expressions of interest received in the second round. Training organised for groups that have already been approved and defibrillators will be presented to groups on completion.</p> <p>JVF asked if a decision had been made on the last few defibrillators. FF stated that applications had been received and decisions would be made on the submissions.</p> <p>JOS raised the issue of community groups and the requirement to sign up and register with the Charity Regulator and stated the amount of work that it involves. A discussion ensued and JOS suggested that the PPN might engage with community groups on how to progress applications. JVJ also suggested that there might be some sort of template designed to assist the groups for annual tax returns and that an accountant be in attendance at a training session with the groups.</p> <p>FF said she would feed this request back to the PPN.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Agree a date for the next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for the 15th December, 2017 at 10.30am.</p>
	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>FF advised that the proposed meeting dates for 2018 had been circulated and a calendar invite will be sent out to all.</p>

Signed: 
 Chairperson

Date: 

