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

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins (JH) Community Sector

Present:

Mr Barry Lynch (BL)	Deputy 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
Ms Margaret Cranney (MC)	Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)	Meath Partnership
Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)	Community Sector
Ms Sheila Comiskey (SC)	Social Inclusion
Ms Jacinta O’Sullivan (JOS)	Social Inclusion
Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)	Environmental Sector
Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)	Farming Sector
Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath

Officials:

Ms Áine Bird (AB)	A/Chief Officer, A/Senior Executive Officer, Community Department
Ms Karen Dalton (KD)	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Raphaelle Ennis (EN)	Clerical 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 Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)	Health Service Executive
Mr John V Farrelly (JVF)	Business Sector
Mr Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
	JH commenced the meeting by expressing the sympathies of the committee to former LCDC Chairperson Sinead Smith on the recent death of her mother and the committee observed a moment of reflection.
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th September, 2018</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 28th September, 2018 were proposed by Cllr. Sharon Tolan and seconded by Sheila Comiskey.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>AB advised the Committee on a number of pieces of correspondence and provided a brief synopsis on each one;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Email from the Department of Rural and Community Development re Public Consultation – Ireland’s New National Digital Strategy II. Meath Coaster piece on Laytown Commemorative Garden - AB noted that the project was funded through RAPID, that the works are now completed and the garden is being well utilised. JH advised that there are two outstanding items to deal with regard to the accounts but it is hoped that the architect will be able to sign off on this after the upcoming weekend. JH conveyed his thanks to everyone who helped with the project. III. Dates for LCDC meetings in 2018 – AB noted that the list of proposed dates for the 2019 LCDC meetings was circulated and asked if these dates were agreeable to the committee and if Fridays are the best day to continue to hold the meetings. All present agreed that Fridays were the best day and that the dates listed were agreeable. AB noted that calendar invites will issue in the coming days for the 2019 meetings.

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<p>4.</p>	<p>To receive a quarterly report on the LECP</p> <p>AB updated the Committee on the progress with the actions in the LECP. She advised that actions are progressing well and noted that actions highlighted in amber are currently at a standstill generally due to funding issues and actions highlighted in red have no progress reported and this is due to staff issues. AB will bring the new Union Representative Noel Maguire up to date on the actions. AB also advised that direction has still to issue from the Department on the LECP mid programme review.</p> <p>SB advised and in relation to Action 1.4.2 that at the last SICAP sub group meeting it was agreed that the emerging need of homeless and those at risk of homelessness would be extended into the 2019 SICAP Annual Plan.</p> <p>ML informed the committee that since the SICAP sub group meeting Meath Partnership have been offered a suitable premises for a breakfast club which includes providing a space for parents to return to while their children are at school. Works are ongoing to secure the premises.</p> <p>BL also noted that Meath Partnership is working on a research piece and is liaising with Meath County Council Housing Department to finalise some details.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the PPN.</p> <p>The following update was circulated to the committee and AB gave a brief outline on its contents;</p> <p>PPN Municipal District meetings have taken place in all of the Municipal Districts and have generally been well attended. Some of the areas highlighted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ access to and lack of community facilities for groups ✚ upkeep of the estates ✚ timelines given for some grant schemes are too short ✚ application process for some grant schemes can be extremely complex ✚ access to funding especially in schemes where the money has to be spent prior to drawdown ✚ governance ✚ getting and keeping volunteers ✚ anti-social behaviour ✚ transport ✚ impact of derelict sites ✚ upkeep of secondary roads and footpaths ✚ lack of community consultation in the planning of major developments

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	<p>especially housing estates</p> <p>All of the issues raised will be collated on the PPN register for follow up with the relevant Departments.</p> <p>The National PPN conference took place in Athlone and was a great opportunity for PPN members to network and share experiences. A field trip hosted by Enfield Tidy Towns group was organised as part of the conference.</p> <p>A youth forum is being organised by the Social Inclusion Pillar of the PPN in conjunction with the Children and Young People's Services Committee (CYPSC).</p> <p>GH noted that at the Navan PPN Municipal District meeting it was raised by some attendees that responses are not issued in response to items raised at the meetings.</p> <p>JOS noted that the Trim PPN meeting was a very good get together but that the attendance by the Municipal District groups was poor with approximately only 10 groups represented.</p> <p>SC enquired as to what process is followed for issues raised. AB confirmed that if the issue raised is related to a section of the Council it is brought to the attention of that section. A response is then given to the PPN representatives who in turn should bring the response back to the community groups.</p> <p>Following a brief discussion it was agreed to ask Catherina to attend the next meeting of the LCDC for a brief presentation on the PPN.</p>
6.	<p>Agree a date for the next meeting/Agree dates for 2019 meetings</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 30th November at 10.30am.</p> <p>The proposed dates for 2019 meetings were dealt with under Item No. 3 Correspondence.</p>
8.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 10.59am.</p>

Signed: 
 Chairperson

Date: 30/11/2018