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**Local Community Development Committee  
Meeting – 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at 10.30am**

**Presiding:**

Cllr Sinead Burke (SB)

Councillor Meath County Council

**Present:**

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)

Chief Executive Meath County Council

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST)

Councillor Meath County Council

Cllr Sharon Keogan (SK)

Councillor Meath County Council

Ms Ita McGuigan (IMcG)

Údarás na Gaeltachta

Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)

Meath Partnership

Ms Sheila Comiskey (SC)

Social Inclusion

Ms Jacinta O’Sullivan (JOS)

Social Inclusion

Mr John V Farrelly (JVF)

Business Sector

Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)

Environmental Sector

Mr Noel Maguire (NM)

Trade Union Sector

Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)

Youth Work Ireland Meath

**Officials:**

Ms Áine Bird (AB)

A/Chief Officer, A/Senior Executive Officer, Community

Ms Karen Dalton (KD)

Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Raphaele Ennis (RE)

Clerical Officer, Community Department MCC

**Apologies/Absent**

Mr Joe English (JE)

Local Enterprise Office

Ms Margaret Cranney (MC)

Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)

Louth Meath Education Training Board

Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)

Health Service Executive

Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)

Community Sector

Mr John Higgins (JH)

Community Sector

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)

Farming Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th November, 2018</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 were proposed by Mr. John V Farrelly and seconded by Ms. Jackie Maguire</p>
2.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>AB advised the Committee on a number of pieces of correspondence and provided a brief synopsis on each one;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Email from the Department dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, re National Volunteering Strategy - Call for Input</li> <li>II. Heritage Ireland 2030 - Public Consultation</li> <li>III. Letter from the Department re National Community Weekend in May 2019</li> </ul> <p>AB advised the committee that further information and criteria will be issued by the Department in the coming weeks. AB proposed that on receipt of this information and given the short turnaround time that the draft scheme will be forwarded to the committee for their review and comment prior to it being advertised. The proposed allocations will then be brought before the committee at the March LCDC meeting for review and approved as appropriate so that the applicants can be notified in early April in time for their preparations for the May Bank Holiday weekend. The committee agreed with this approach. It was agreed following a request by SC that the notice be provided in .pdf/.jpg format to make it easier to forward to groups for placement on social medial etc. AB also advised that it would be advertised through the PPN.</p>

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<p>4.</p>	<p><b>To receive &amp; approve the SICAP end of year report and final approval of the 2019 Annual Plan.</b></p> <p>AB advised the committee that the SICAP sub group met with Meath Partnership earlier in the week to review the SICAP End of Year for 2018. She noted that the KPI targets for 2018 were over achieved and outlined the figures as below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KPI1 – Target 45 groups, achieved 61 groups or 136%</li> <li>- KPI2 – Target 265 individuals, achieved 375 individuals or 142%</li> <li>- Working in disadvantaged areas was also exceeded with the LDC reaching 74 disadvantaged areas or 27.92% which was higher than the 2018 target of 17.18%.</li> <li>- There was no over or under spend in the programme</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Sharon Tolan joined the meeting at 10.51am.</p> <p>SB advised as Chair of the sub group that the programme is bedding in well and noted that it is good to see progress from the 2018 programme into the 2019 programme. She commented that there was some learning with the programme with some actions naturally developing and moving over to the other KPI for 2019. There were also elements that were not working and they have been moved out of SICAP in 2019. SB also noted that Meath has the lowest level of SICAP funding in the country and that there are activities in the County which were discussed at the Navan MD meeting that would benefit greatly from further SICAP funding. She advised that as Chair of the sub group she will be writing to the Department requesting that more funding be allocated to Meath. SB also acknowledged the work by the SICAP team in Meath Partnership and commended their achievements in 2018.</p> <p>ML noted that in addition to achieving the targets set out for 2018, the SICAP programme that is now being delivered is a more meaningful one.</p> <p>JOS noted that at a recent Social Inclusion meeting there was a discussion on how links can be improved with the SICAP programme and asked if someone from Meath Partnership could attend a meeting with the Social Inclusion Pillar. ML advised that he has attended meetings in the past and would be happy to do so again. It was agreed that arrangements would be made for a member of Meath Partnership SICAP team to attend an upcoming meeting.</p> <p>The approval of the SICAP End of Year Review for 2018 was proposed by Ms. Jackie Maguire and seconded by Cllr Sharon Keogan</p> <p>The final approval of the SICAP Annual Plan for 2019 was proposed by Ms. Ita McGuigan and seconded by Ms Sheila Comiskey.</p>
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5.	<p><b>To receive a quarterly report on the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)</b></p> <p>It was agreed to defer this item until the February meeting.</p>
6.	<p><b>To receive an update on the PPN.</b></p> <p>The following update was circulated to the committee and AB gave a brief outline on its contents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are currently 610 member groups.</li> <li>• David Griffin is the new administrative support staff appointed to the PPN.</li> <li>• The Youth Event took place in December and was a great success, a follow up report is being collated by Involve.</li> <li>• The Meath PPN website is being upgraded and will have more information on the member groups visible.</li> <li>• The next plenary will take place on Wednesday 30th January in the Ardboyne Hotel, registration from 5.30pm. The Charities Regulators' Office and the Community Section will be delivering presentations at the event.</li> <li>• Meath PPN has submitted an Expression of Interest to develop a Wellbeing Statement.</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Agree a date for the next meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 10.30am.</p>
8.	<p><b>A.O.B.</b></p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 10.57am.</p>

Signed:  Date: 22.02.2019  
 Chairperson