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Housing, Community and Cultural Development SPC

28th March 2019, Swift Room, Buvinda House, Navan

**Attendees -
Councillors:**

CLlr Sarah Reilly (Chairperson), Cllr Maria Murphy, Cllr Sinead Burke, Cllr Nick Killian, Cllr Sharon Keogan,

Apologies: Cllr Caroline Lynch, Cllr Gillian Toole, Cllr Maria O' Rourke, Cllr Pdraig Fitzsimons

**Attendees -
Sectoral
Representatives:**

Niamh Uí Loinsigh, Gerard Weldon

Apologies:

Officials: Barry Lynch, Fiona Fallon, Karan Dalton, David Jones

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1st February 2019 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Killian, seconded by N. Uí Loinsigh.</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ G. Weldon raised the matter of governance and regulation of the Community & Voluntary Sector. Documentation pertaining to same circulated to elected members. The matter of garda vetting and the current need for vetting to be requested for each organization/activity a person is involved was deemed inefficient ▪ Cllr Burke queried the current status of the Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan process. Noted that Meath County Council is awaiting the 2019 allocation, and no applications can be approved until said allocation is received. It was agreed that correspondence would issue to the Minister for Housing requesting the notification of 2019 allocation to be issued as soon as possible ▪ D. Jones noted in relation to Affordable Housing Scheme, that Circular had issued on Friday 22nd March 2019 in respect to same, stating that Affordable Allocation Schemes are to be adopted by Local Authorities by 18th June 2019. Department guidance document on preparation of same to follow



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3.	<p><u>To Receive details of the Proposed Community Grants Scheme Allocations for 2019, and if deemed appropriate Recommend for Approval to the Full Council of Meath County Council</u></p> <p>F. Fallon outlined the proposed Community Grants Allocations for 2019 (details circulated to members present). The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 479 applications received (compared to 351 in 2018) ▪ A significant number of applications received from new groups which is welcomed ▪ 10 applications deemed ineligible ▪ Allocations have been made to Scouting Groups, but these will be put on hold pending decision at national level which is due in April 2019 <p>The proposed allocations were approved as outlined. Proposed by Cllr Burke and seconded by Cllr Killian.</p> <p>It was requested that the level of funding allocated to the Community Grants Scheme be increased for 2020 in recognition of the increased number of applications now being received seeking funding.</p> <p>Appreciation was conveyed to F. Fallon and Community Team on the advancement of the 2019 Community Grants Scheme by the members present.</p> <p>Members were asked to maintain as confidential the information circulated until finally approved by full Council</p>
4.	<p><u>To Receive details of the Proposed Regional Festivals and Participative Events Allocations for 2019 (Small Grants Scheme in Co. Meath), and if deemed appropriate Recommend for Approval to the Full Council of Meath County Council</u></p> <p>F. Fallon outlined the proposed Regional Festivals and Participative Events Allocations for 2019 (details circulated to members present). The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grant Scheme previously administered by Failte Ireland ▪ Allocation for Co. Meath is €11,000 ▪ 9 applications received – all applications fulfilled the funding criteria as set out <p>The proposed allocations were approved as outlined. Proposed by Cllr Burke and seconded by Cllr Keogan.</p>
5.	<p><u>To Receive details of the Proposed 2019 Meath Pride of Place Awards Scheme</u></p> <p>K. Dalton provided a review of the 2018 Pride of Place Awards Scheme, and proposed Scheme for 2019 (document circulated to members present). The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 251 groups participated in the Pride of Place Initiative 2018 ▪ 60 schools participated in the Schools Pride of Place Gardening Scheme ▪ 700 attended the Municipal District award events, with approximately 300 in attendance at



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	<p>the County Awards event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Best Presented Front Garden category to be renamed Best Bee Friendly Front Garden, with a view to promoting biodiversity ▪ Proposed new category for 2019 – Community Age Friendly Initiative (MD level) ▪ Funding is at the same level as provided for 2018 Scheme <p>The work involved on the Pride of Place Awards Scheme was commended by members present.</p> <p>Suggested that focus on engagement with Youth should be promoted where possible, as well as dog litter prevention initiatives. Agreed to place an enhanced emphasis on same in marking criteria.</p> <p>The proposed 2019 Pride of Place Scheme as presented was agreed.</p>
6.	<p><u>To Receive a Presentation on the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024</u></p> <p>D. Jones provided a summary outline of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024. Draft document was circulated to members present. The following key points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The draft plan is presented for information purposes. Matter for the Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee to prepare and recommend approval to full Council ▪ Draft Plan to be published for submissions from 3rd April to 5th June 2019. Thereafter, members of Meath County Council are required to receive draft plan three months before adoption ▪ Draft plan includes reference to Policy Statement, Review of Traveller Accommodation, Consultation, Assessment of Traveller Accommodation Need, Strategy & Implementation Statement and Monitoring & Review ▪ Confirmed that the annual targets set for standard social housing allocations to members of the Traveller community do not represent a ceiling to the number of allocations that can be made ▪ The work of the LTACC was commended, in particular the Chairperson and Housing officials who work directly with the Traveller community in Co. Meath in respect to their accommodation needs
7.	<p><u>To Receive an Update on the Implementation of the Housing First Model (Homelessness)</u></p> <p>D. Jones provided an update on the regional roll out of the Housing First Model, noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Implementation is being rolled out on a regional based, in line with the Regional Homeless Regions ▪ Submission has been made by the Mid East Homeless Region (Kildare, Meath, Wicklow) in respect to the funding that has been made available for implementation ▪ €100,000 for the region per year has been made available for Housing supports associated with the Model through the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. ▪ €134,0000 for the region per year has been made available for health related supports through the Department of Health ▪ The Mid East Region has agreed that both strands, ie housing and health supports will be tendered to NGO sector for delivery



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns do exist in respect to the level of funding available for regional implementation, in particular in relation to health. It has been advised that funding levels will increase in line with Housing First tenancies created, and this will be monitored as implementation advances ▪ It is expected that funding approval will issue in April 2019, which will allow for the commencement of the tendering process thereafter
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr Keogan queried current services in respect to young people leaving state care. Noted that an Aftercare Committee is in operation under the auspices of Tusla, of which Meath County Council's Housing Department is represented. In addition, the Homeless Action Team (HAT) facilitated by Meath County Council, which meets monthly, was also referenced as part of the operating framework in support of such clients ▪ Cllr Killian queried the level of acquisitions to be undertaken by Meath County Council in 2019 and the lack of available land for direct social housing delivery. It was noted that up to 60 units are targeted to be acquired on the open market in 2019 as part of a managed acquisition programme. In addition, turnkey opportunities will be pursued, while Part V is expected to deliver 90 units in 2019, while delivery by the AHB sector is in the region of 150 units. In parallel to our own Expression of Interest for lands for social housing, the role of the Land Development Agency was also highlighted ▪ Cllr Keogan queried if any progress was made in respect to church owned lands that had been identified. Noted that the lands identified in Duleek were not a viable option, while church owned lands in Dunshaughlin are being pursued, though a number of conditions regarding same have emerged ▪ Next meeting to take place on Thursday, 25th April 2019, 10.30am

Recommendations to the Corporate Policy Group (CPG)

Agenda Item No. 3 Refers:

- To Approve the proposed Community Grants Allocations for 2019 as presented

Agenda Item No. 4 Refers:

- To Approve the proposed Regional Festivals and Participative Events Allocations for 2019 as presented