

Local Community Development Committee Meeting – 29th March, 2019 at 10.38am

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins (JH) Community Sector

Present:

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)

Clir Sinead Burke (SB)

Councillor Meath County Council

Cilr Sharon Keogan (SK)

Councillor Meath County Council

Mr Joe English (JE)

Ms Ita McGuigan (IMcG)

Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)

Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)

Local Enterprise Office

Údarás na Gaeltachta

Health Service Executive

Meath Partnership

Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)

Ms Jacinta O'Sullivan (JOS)

Community Sector

Social Inclusion

Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr) Environmental Sector

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG) Farming Sector
Mr Noel Maguire (NM) Trade Union Sector

Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH) Youth Work Ireland Meath

Officials:

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)

Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community

Ms Joan Carroll (JC)

Senior Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Guest:

Catherina O'Rourke (COR) PPN Facilitator

Apologies/Absent

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST) Councillor Meath County Council

Ms Margaret Cranney (MC) Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD) Louth Meath Education Training Board

Ms Sheila Comiskey (SC) Social Inclusion
Mr John V Farrelly (JVF) Business Sector

Ms Áine Bird (AB) Administrative Officer, Community



Item	Discussion / Action
1.	To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 nd February, 2019
	The minutes of the meeting of the 22 nd February, 2019 were proposed by Mr. Joe English and seconded by Mr. Seamus McGee
2.	Matters arising
	No matters arising.
3.	Correspondence
	FF advised the Committee on a number of pieces of correspondence and provided a brief synopsis on each one;
	 Press release - Increased funding for local youth clubs confirmed "€2m to be distributed to small volunteer clubs" Statement by Minister Katherine Zappone
	II. Community Finance Ireland – Funding streams
	III. Age Friendly Recognition and Achievement Awards 2018/2019
	IV. Consultation Workshops for Healthy Cities and Counties
4.	To approve the recommendations under the National Community Weekend Event
	FF informed the committee on the details of the National Community Weekend Scheme noting that a total of 22 applications were received. A copy of the proposed allocations was circulated to the committee members present for their consideration. FF advised that the groups were allocated 90% of what they requested or where an amount sought was greater than the maximum grant amount of €500, the group was awarded 90% of the maximum grant i.e €450. Street Feast was awarded €1,125 as it will support a larger number of events, FF noted that in 2018 they supported 38 events in Meath and that they have also been approached by two Irish speaking communities for support for this years event.
	The proposed allocations were approved by way of a show of hands by all members present.



5. To receive a presentation on the PPN by the PPN Co-ordinator

COR gave an update to the committee on the activities and progress of Meath PPN. She advised that there has been a large increase in the number of groups registered with the PPN over the last three weeks. The number registered is now at 834; she noted that this is largely down to the requirement to enable groups to apply for Community Grants. She outlined the work carried out to date by the PPN and the plans for 2019.

JM enquired how the groups are pushing out the information to their group members and enquired if there was anything the LCDC can do to assist. COR noted that a promotional piece may be required, at the moment there is a reliance on the two contacts registered for the group to pass the information on. JM acknowledged the huge work carried out by COR and the secretariat and noted that PPN's are becoming more important especially at a government level. COR agreed and noted that the secretariat is conscious that it is necessary to keep people interested and engaged with the process.

JH also acknowledged the work being carried out by the PPN and enquired if the secretariat have bedded into their roles. COR complimented the secretariat members especially in the context that they are involved in a voluntary basis.

JH thanks COR for the presentation.

SB noted that there is a meeting of the Environment Pillar on the 11th May with the themes being; Climate Change, Sustainable Development Goals and Biodiversity and provided a handout to the committee.

6. Agree a date for the next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 26th April at 10.30am.

JM noted that she may not be able to attend and SB, SBr and NM conveyed their apologies for the next meeting.

7. A.O.B.

DK updated the committee on a HSE/Dept. of Health LCDC network event that she attended on 14th March, 2019 she advised the Committee on some of the items discussed. She enquired if any details had been issued on the 2019 Healthy Ireland fund. FF confirmed that details have not been received yet.



DK provided some background information on the Healthy Cities and Counties survey and advised the committee that there is a Midlands Louth Meath Healthy Ireland Implementation Plan and the HSE are rolling out initiatives for this.

Meeting concluded at 11.06am.

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and Rule Date: 17th May 209

Chairperson