

Local Community Development Committee Meeting - 10th June 2016

Presiding:

Ms Sinead Smith Social Inclusion Sector

Present:

Cllr Noel French Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sinead Burke Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan Councillor Meath County Council

Ms Liz Lavery Louth Meath Education Training Board

Mr Des Henry Department of Social Protection

Mr Tadhg Ó Conghaile Údarás na Gaeltachta
Mr Michael Ludlow Meath Partnership
Mr John Higgins Community Sector
Mr Eamon Cassells Community Sector
Ms Sheila Comiskey Social Inclusion Sector
Mr Robert Bradley Trade Union Sector
Mr Seamus McGee Farming Sector

Officials:

Mr Barry Lynch Chief Officer LCDC, MCC

Ms Fiona Fallon Senior Executive Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Áine Bird Administrative Officer Community Department MCC

Ms Mary McCarthy Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies:

Ms Jackie Maguire Chief Executive Meath County Council

Mr Joe English Head of Local Enterprise Office

Mr Tom Oxley Health Service Executive

Mr John V Farrelly Business Sector

Mr Ian Carey Environmental Sector

Ms Geraldine Hogarty Youth Work Ireland Meath



| Item | Discussion / Action | | | |
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| 1. | To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 29 th February 2016 | | | |
| | The minutes of the meeting of the 29 th February 2016 were proposed by Ms Sheila Comiskey and seconded by Mr Seamus McGee | | | |
| 2. | To approve the LECP implementation plan | | | |
| | The following points were raised: | | | |
| | 1.1.2 – This is a broad statement as to what constitutes Income Inadequacy – DSP can deliver if it's income inadequacy. | | | |
| | 1.2.5 – This action for precarious work would involve a number of agencies. DSP would not be the lead however can be a partner and work with the lead agency and look at issues around this area. A mapping exercise would need to be carried out in Meath for precarious work(unions & Employers Bodies) –DSP work as part of a multi agency approach and may need to bring in other expertise – Department are asking LCDC's to look at how we are engaging with outside bodies. | | | |
| | 1.4.6 – Housing NGO, MCC & Threshold –possibility of Threshold doing work in Meath, a need to speak to them to get them involved. | | | |
| | Await HSE actions, not finalised yet. | | | |
| | 3.3.5 – HSE/Family Carers Ireland – once receive clarity from HSE, to contact Family Carers Ireland. | | | |
| | The LECP Implementation Plan was proposed by Liz Lavery and seconded by Michael Ludlow | | | |
| 3. | To agree the LECP 2016 Action Plan | | | |
| | 4.4.3 – Udaras identified Baile Ghib (Gibbstown)/Rathcairn under the 20 Year Strategy for the Irish Language. A working group will be established by year end | | | |



with 2 years to prepare an action plan and 7 year implementation plan thereafter. The strategy will cover sports, economic, tourism, languages etc.

- There will be a challenge to meet targets by year end. LECP Sub Group will have to ensure the actions agreed get done.
- It was agreed that the lead agencies will need to report on progress on their actions and update the LCDC meetings on a quarterly basis commencing in October. It was suggested that a template should be set up setting out a number of questions for each agency to update progress on. This progress report should be circulated ahead of an LCDC meeting and dedicated time given for updates at these meetings as opposed to being part of the main agenda.
- Need to write to each lead agency outlining the actions they are responsible for.
 Need also to write to partner agencies advising them of the LECP and actions identified and seeking their assistance to participate with the lead agency in delivering the actions.

The LECP 2016 Action Plan was **proposed by Mr Des Henry** and **seconded by Cllr Sinead Burke.**

4. To receive an update on Leader LDS

Fiona Fallon updated the committee and advised that the final LDS has been selected by the Independent Selection Committee and has been forwarded to the Department of Environment, Community & Local Government. Awaiting details from the Department on the completion of the contract prior to implementation commencing. Work is continuing on the proposal for the Evaluation Committee membership and it is intended to present details to the Leader Sub-Group when a meeting is convened (date to be agreed for meeting in the coming weeks). On agreement with the Leader Subgroup, the proposed Evaluation Committee makeup will be presented to the LCDC meeting in July.



5.To receive an update on the Public Participative Network (PPN)

The following update was presented to the LCDC:

Membership of the PPN now stands at 427 groups and applications are still being received. The Secretariat has continued to meet on a monthly basis. There is a vacancy on the Secretariat for a representative from the Navan Municipal District.

The first County Plenary PPN meeting was held in Trim on 30th May. There was a good turnout with more than 90 people in attendance. Informative presentations were given on the benefits and challenges of being part of the PPN and also on the progress that has been made by Meath PPN to date. The Plenary meeting also allowed for roundtable discussions about the issues and possible solutions of each group/area. The Secretariat intends to collate this information at their next meeting in June 2016, with a view to using the most prevalent issues to form their work plan.

At the Plenary, the Meath PPN website was also launched – <u>www.meathppn.ie</u> which contains information about the PPN, online application and will be the place where all news items of interest to the PPN groups will be placed in future.

Recruitment for a full time PPN Support Worker has commenced. The job was advertised in the Meath Chronicle dated 21st May 2016 and the closing date for applications was 1st June 2016. 26 applications for this position have been received and these will now be reviewed and shortlisted for interview.

The following points were raised:

- Approx 10% of the voluntary groups were represented at the Plenary Meeting. It
 was a very positive meeting; some disappointment was expressed by some parties
 at the turnout. The PPN will require a lot of support and encouragement and more
 participation from Community Groups
- It was noted that there was difficulty at local level in attending Municipal Meetings. Congratulations were extended to Rachel Brennan on work done to date with PPN.
- It was noted that the Secretariat felt they should have participated in the advertisement for a PPN Support worker.



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| | • | SICAP Mid Year Review $-$ P.I. to have IRIS updated for Mid Year Review by close of business on the 15^{th} July 2016. SICAP Subgroup meeting is scheduled for the 20^{th} July 2016 @ 10am in Innovation House with a view to meet with the LCDC on the 22^{nd} July to agree to recommend Q3 payment to the Programme Implementer (PI). |
| | • | The following dates were agreed for LCDC meetings for the rest of year: |
| | | 1. 22 nd July 2016 |
| | | 2. 30 th September 2016 |
| | | 3. 21 st October 2016 |
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| Chairperson | | |