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**Local Community Development Committee
 Meeting – 15th December, 2017**

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins (JH) Community Sector

Present:

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST)	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Sinead Burke (SB)	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)	Health Service Executive
Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)	Meath Partnership
Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)	Community Sector
Ms Sheila Comiskey	Social Inclusion
Ms Jacinta O’Sullivan (JOS)	Social Inclusion
Mr John V Farrelly (JVF)	Business Sector
Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)	Farming Sector
Mr Robert Bradley (RB)	Trade Union Sector

Officials:

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)	Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Áine Bird (AB)	Administrative Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Aoife Fegan (AF)	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Karen Dalton (KD)	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies/Absent

Ms Jackie Maguire	Chief Executive Meath County Council
Cllr Sharon Keogan (SK)	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Tadhg Ó’Conghaile (TOC)	Údarás Na Gaeltachta
Ms Margaret Cranney (MC)	Dept of Social Protection
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Ms Suzanne Brady (SB)	Environmental Sector
Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th November, 2017</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 24th November, 2017 were proposed Seamus McGee and seconded by Michael Ludlow.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>There was no correspondence received.</p>
4.	<p>To receive an end of year progress report on the LECP.</p> <p>FF stated that progress is good but challenging.</p> <p>She said that a mid-term review of the LECP is due next year but no date or guidance has been given by the Department. There's a need to examine issues arising and if similar to the issues identified in 2011. The LECP committee will review all actions and may decide to amalgamate actions and identify some that are no longer applicable. More collaboration between the lead partners and agencies is necessary and that will be a focus for next year. Guidelines for monitoring and the measurement of actions are due to be issued from the Department in quarter 1 of next year.</p> <p>J.H stated that the LECP actions do require focus on progression and a reduction by way of amalgamation in those that cross with others, he thanked staff for their efforts throughout the year.</p>
5.	<p>To receive an update on the PPN.</p> <p>The following update was circulated to the committee:</p> <p>Following the Plenary information session in November, the PPN is planning training sessions for 2018 to cover the Data Protection Regulation and Charities Regulator. These will be rolled out centrally and in each Municipal Districts. The article in the Meath Chronicle on the Plenary received positive feedback. Training is underway for groups who have been allocated the defibrillators. There are 4 PPN's involved in the pilot for the development of the wellbeing statement. The roll out of the toolkit across the other PPN's will be reviewed</p>

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	next year.
6.	<p>Agree a date for the next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for the 26th January, 2018 at 10.30am.</p>
	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>S.C raised two areas of concern identified within the PPN Social Inclusion Pillar. The lack of communication between the lead agents and partners. S.C. recognised that F.F had covered this in the LECF update. The second area of concern was around the lack of funding and while it was acknowledged that the LCDC isn't a funding body there is a stronger focus on capital funding than operational funding. Some NGO's are experiencing increased demands for services but have not received any budget increase to their core funding for many years. As a consequence services have been paired back due to financial constraints.</p> <p>A discussion ensued and the LCDC agreed to write to the department and request that funding be made available for operational resources for NGO's to deliver their services.</p> <p>Meeting ended and the Chair JH wished everyone a Happy Christmas.</p>

Signed: 
Chairperson

Date: 26/01/2018

