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**Local Community Development Committee
 Meeting – 17th May, 2019 at 10.40am**

Presiding:

Cllr Sinead Burke (SB)

Councillor Meath County Council

Present:

Cllr Sharon Tolan (ST)

Councillor Meath County Council

Ms Ita McGuigan (IMcG)

Údarás na Gaeltachta

Mr Paul Carroll (PC)

Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)

Louth Meath Education Training Board

Ms Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)

Health Service Executive

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

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 Áine Bird (AB)

Administrative Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Joan Carroll (JC)

Senior Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Ms Karen Dalton (KD)

Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies/Absent

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)

Chief Executive Meath County Council

Cllr Sharon Keogan (SK)

Councillor Meath County Council

Mr Joe English (JE)

Local Enterprise Office

Mr Eamonn Cassells (EC)

Community Sector

Mr John Higgins (JH)

Community Sector

Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)

Environmental Sector

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)

Farming Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
	SB welcomed Paul Carroll, Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection to the LCDC who is replacing Ms Margaret Cranney on the Committee.
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th March, 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 29th March, 2019 were proposed by Cllr Sinead Burke and seconded by Ms. Jacinta O’Sullivan</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>FF 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"> I. Men's Health Week 2019 II. Press Release - Minister Zappone announces €2.4m Youth Capital Funding for 2019 III. Dept. of Children and Youth Affairs – Issue 2 Newsletter
4.	<p>To receive a quarterly update on the LECP</p> <p>FF advised that the majority of the actions in the LECP are in hand with a couple of items outstanding. She noted that great progress has been made with the actions listed and that the ones highlighted in red are not likely to progress any further due to resourcing issues.</p> <p>FF informed the Committee that there is a requirement to carry out a midterm review on the LECP, this will take place after the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy has been adopted which is expected to take place at the end of the year. She advised that it will be a desk top exercise and will be reviewed in conjunction with the 2016 census figure following the receipt of guidance from the Department. Work on the new plan will begin in the latter half of 2020.</p>

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5. To receive an update on the PPN

The following update was circulated to the committee and FF gave a brief outline on its contents;

- There are over 850 groups on the PPN.
- An Environmental Plenary was held in Dalgan Park on Saturday May 11th. The event included a presentation on biodiversity by Mary Reynolds, Chelsea Garden Show gold medallist, talks on climate change, the Sustainable Development Goals, and a nature walk around Dalgan.
- Meath Co. Co. have secured funding to host an Africa Day event this year. Meath PPN and Cultur Migrant Centre attended a briefing session on the event and had the opportunity to meet a number of the African Ambassadors. The Africa Day event this year will take place in Claremont Stadium on the 15th June 12pm - 4pm.
- There is currently a vacancy on the Secretariat for the Trim MD, nominations are being sought by May 17th.
- The Secretariat is in the process of collating a survey on insurance for circulation to PPN members for feedback.
- Committee Representatives survey outcomes are being finalised.
- Meath PPN is part of the Midlands Regional Network which meets quarterly to discuss issues of commonality that can be addressed through a regional approach. Areas under discussion include: Tidy Towns groups having the option of being part of the Environmental Pillar, a joint Environmental Showcase event and funding schemes.
- The PPN had stands at the Disability Network and Laterlife events held recently.

JVF enquired about the feedback from groups following the survey on insurance. FF advised that it is becoming more difficult with the cost of insurance becoming prohibitive. She advised that the results of the survey will be fed back to the PPN network and to the Department. She noted that the Department had asked for examples to highlight where the issues are and these are being collated in the survey.

JVF noted that there are 61 Chamber of Commerce activity centers around the country that are carrying out the same work. They carried out a procurement exercise for the provision of insurance for the activity centers on a 3 year basis which has proved to be more economical and suggested it might be something to look at for community groups. He noted that the Department is looking at legislation to help but that the process is slow. He suggested that groups should be able to come together to look for quotations and suggested that this is looked at further at the next LCDC meeting.

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	<p>ML advised that he would be happy to report back at the next meeting and noted that there is an additional issue around the TUS and RSS schemes with regards to Employers Liability.</p> <p>JVF advised that he would ask a staff member to contact Meath Partnership to discuss the Chambers approach.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Agree a date for the next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 28th June at 10.30am.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>FF informed the Committee of a notification received from POBAL regarding the preparation of a SICAP case study for 2019 under one of 3 themes (1. Engagement Strategies with SICAP Target Groups/Communities, 2. Collaboration, 3. Goal One or Two Projects). FF advised that the LDC proposed to develop a case study for Meath under the Goal One or Two Projects theme. FF asked for the LCDCs agreement, all present agreed with the proposed theme of collaboration.</p> <p>ML advised the Committee that Co Meath was awarded €50,000 by the Department of Children and Youth Affairs. The project will be managed by LMETB; and will assist 30 young people from estates in Navan into further education or employment. He noted that there is a slightly different focus to this project than SICAP and that the proposal has been agreed with LMETB. He noted that this will add to the proposed in house LEADER project; and that the proposal for the LEADER project is almost complete and it is hoped that it will be going to tender next week.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 10.54am.</p>

Signed: 
Chairperson

Date: 28th June 2019