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Local Community Development Committee Meeting – 28th February, 2020 at 10.39am

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins (JH) Community Sector

Present:

Mr Kevin Stewart (KS)	Deputy Chief Executive Meath County Council
Cllr Yemi Adenuga (YA)	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Annie Hoey (AH)	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
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
Mr Garrett O'Brien (GoB)	Community Sector
Ms Anna Melnik (AM)	Social Inclusion
Ms Donna Farrell (DF)	Chambers of Commerce
Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)	Environmental Sector
Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)	Farming Sector
Mr Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector

Officials:

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)	Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community
Ms Joan Carroll (JC)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Karen Dalton (KD)	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies/Absent

Cllr Mike Bray (MB)	Councillor Meath County Council
Ms Ita McGuigan (IMcG)	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK)	Social Inclusion
Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath
Ms Áine Bird (AB)	Administrative Officer, Community Department MCC

Guests

Aoife McGrath	Community Water Officer, LAWPRO
Danielle Monaghan	PPN Resource Officer

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December, 2019</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 13th December, 2019 were proposed by Seamus McGee and seconded by Cllr Annie Hoey.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>FF advised the Committee on three items of correspondence and provided a brief outline of their contents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Social Enterprise Development Fund 2020 II. Graduate.ie Programme III. Social Entrepreneurs Ireland <p>JE noted that he had some documentation on the Social Enterprise Development Fund and arranged to distribute it to the Members.</p>
4.	<p>To receive a presentation from Aoife McGrath, Community Water Officer, LAWPRO</p> <p>JH welcomed Aoife McGrath, Community Water Officer with LAWCO to the meeting.</p> <p>YA joined the meeting at 10.46am.</p> <p>Aoife made a presentation to the committee members providing an overview of her role and the work of the Water Programme Office. It was agreed that the presentation would be circulated to the members.</p> <p>SB raised a concern that there should be more of a crossover between the Planning Authority and the Environment Department for proposed developments, particularly environmental reports. She also noted that there is a huge issue with waste management and advised of a particular quarry issue, she noted that Meath County Council are under resourced with enforcement.</p>

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	<p>Aoife advised that new guidance is being developed by the Department for planning authorities regarding planning applications. KS noted that all environmental reports in relation to planning are public documents and available online. SB noted that they can be difficult to find and that some changes are required particularly around approval for developments.</p> <p>ML welcomed the presentation and noted that the LEADER closed call for 2020 will be under the water services theme and will be advertised in April. He also noted that the 5 lake project will be going to tender on Monday. This project will focus on water quality and preservation of water quality. He advised that there have been indications that 40% of the focus of the next LDS will be under an environmental theme.</p> <p>JH thanked Aoife for attending the meeting and providing the presentation. Aoife left at 11.05am</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive and approve the SICAP annual plan 2020 and approve the SICAP end of year report 2019</p> <p><u>SICAP Annual Plan 2020</u></p> <p>FF advised the committee that the Annual Plan was recommended by the SICAP subgroup on the 20th November and it was approved in principle by the LCDC on the 13th December. Since then notification of a 3% budget increase was received and that this has been reflected in the plan for 2020.</p> <p>The approval of the 2020 Annual Plan was proposed by SWMcD and seconded by PC; all present approved the plan by a show of hands.</p> <p><u>End of Year Report 2019</u></p> <p>FF advised the committee that the End of Year report for 2019 was reviewed by the SICAP subgroup on the 4th February. She advised that all targets for 2019 were achieved and exceeded.</p> <p>JH commented that the subgroup are very pleased with the plan and the progress of the programme.</p> <p>ML noted that SICAP is a 5 year plan with the annual element being adjusted to benefit the overall plan and the beneficiaries. He noted that at this stage the work is now being carried out at a deeper level. In particular the work in the local authority housing estates in Navan has been very effective. He advised that with additional funding under Healthy Ireland Mental Health Fund will also be of benefit, the work under the Mental Health programme will be introduced in the first half of the year and there will be an advertisement for two new staff next week.</p>

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	<p>ML advised that the IGNITE project funded through LEADER is a community driven approach which is identifying additional work that needs to be done. He noted that there is a barrier to be addressed between at risk youths and sporting organisation. ML answered a number queries regarding the two additional posts. He confirmed that the posts are for a Community Development Officer and a Clinical Physiologist. They will form part of the SICAP team and will feed into the reports to the Department, Pobal, SICAP subgroup and the LCDC. ML noted that Ashbourne will be the next centre for the IGNITE project.</p> <p>SWMcD commented that the proposal is very welcome. She noted that the volunteer leaders in clubs are very conscious of the issue and this support will be very beneficial.</p> <p>The approval of the End of Year for 2019 was proposed by SWMcD and seconded by YA; all present approved the plan by a show of hands.</p>
6.	<p>To receive nominations to fill two vacancies on the SICAP sub-group</p> <p>FF advised the committee that two vacancies arose on the SICAP sub group following the resignation of Mr. John V Farrelly and Ms. Jacinta O’Sullivan. She noted that SK had expressed an interest in sitting on the sub group and she would confirm if she was still interested in.</p> <p>DK agreed to join the subgroup.</p>
7.	<p>To receive details of the SICAP audit for 2018</p> <p>FF informed the committee of the requirement to carry out an annual internal audit on the SICAP programme and advised that the Local Government Audit Service also carried out an audit on 2018 in January 2020, she noted the findings for both audits were the same. She informed the committee the findings were minor with one ineligible piece of expenditure which will be discussed between the Local Authority and Meath Partnership.</p> <p>ML commented that it was a very useful exercise to complete midway through the programme.</p> <p>GOB left the meeting at 11.20am</p>
8.	<p>To approve SICAP sub-contractors for 2020</p> <p>FF advised that the requirement for the LCDC to approve the appointment of sub-contractors for the SICAP programme arose following the 2018 audits. She informed the committee that the list circulated is a list of potential contractors and should any others be required they will be brought back to the LCDC for approval.</p>

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	<p>The approval of the SICAP sub-contractors for 2020 was proposed by JE and seconded by SMCG; all present approved the sub-contractors list by a show of hands.</p>
9.	<p>To receive details of the annual LCDC report 2019</p> <p>FF gave a brief overview of the LCDC report for 2019 and advised the committee that it will be presented to the Full Council at the March meeting. JE noted that the report stated that 19 meetings took place in 2019. FF advised that this had been corrected.</p> <p>The approval of the LCDC report for 2019 was proposed by AH and seconded by ML; all present approved the plan by a show of hands.</p>
10.	<p>To receive a quarterly report on the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)</p> <p>GOB returned to the meeting at 11.25am</p> <p>FF provided a brief update on the LECP quarterly report. She noted that a number of updates have been received since the report was circulated and that these will be reflected in the next quarterly update. FF advised that it is likely that the process for the next plan will commence at the end of 2020 with guidelines expected by quarter 3 of this year.</p> <p>AH left the meeting at 11.26am</p>
11.	<p>To receive details on the joint Meath/Louth Migrant Integration Strategy</p> <p>FF made a presentation to the committee members providing an overview of the process followed and the current status of the strategy. She advised that it's currently at design and print stage and that a softcopy of the strategy will be circulated to the LCDC members.</p> <p>AH returned to the meeting at 11.32am</p> <p>YA advised that a migrant strategy was completed a number of years ago and enquired if this was taken into consideration for the new strategy. FF advised that groups were consulted with and invited to engage throughout the process. She noted that some feedback was received. She advised that each Local Authority are required to have a strategy in place and it can link in with other plans but must be put in place. ML commented that it was a very useful piece of work in particular that it is a joint strategy with Louth. YA agreed that it is an excellent piece of work and that it is welcome to have actions included. She enquired as to how the actions will be measured. JH advised that there will be performance indicators included. PC enquired if the plan was finalised. FF confirmed that it is and that it was circulated to all agencies during the consultation stage.</p>

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12.	<p>To receive an update on the PPN</p> <p>Danielle Monaghan, the PPN Resource Worker joined the meeting at 11.37am. JH welcomed Danielle who then provided an update on the PPN advising them of the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PPN is implementing the National Community Well Being Vision Programme Under the "Our County, Our Voice" network brand. • Workshops were facilitated by Dr. Harriet Emerson on Feb 4th for Navan and Laytown/Bettystown MD's and on Feb 5th for Ashbourne & Ratoath MD's. • These workshops were very well attended by a variety of member groups. • Online consultations will build on workshop inputs. • With support from Dr. Harriet Emerson, PPN Secretariat and PPN staff are in the process of writing up a Well Being Vision for each MD and an overall County Vision. • These will be used to develop a submission for the County Development Plan deadline of March 6th. <p>Danielle left the meeting at 11.40am</p>
13.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>FF advised the committee on two additional items of business.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) FF confirmed that the Healthy Ireland Programme of Work for 2019 to 2021 has been approved by the Department of Health and Pobal, with 90% of year 1 budget received. She advised that the partners carrying out the actions have been advised and work has commenced. 2) A report was circulated to the members on the proposal for the Community Mental Health Fund, grant scheme. FF went down through the report advising the committee of the number of applicants, criteria/ weighting and the proposed projects for approval. <p>The approval of the Community Mental Health Fund grant scheme awards was proposed by DK and seconded by ML; all present approved the allocation of funding by a show of hands.</p> <p>Date of next LCDC meeting confirmed as Friday 27th March 2020 at 10.30am.</p>



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JH thanked those present for attending.
Meeting concluded at 11.46am

Signed: John F. Heagy
Chairperson

Date: 24th April 2020

