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Local Community Development Committee

Meeting – 24th April, 2020 at 10.00am

Held by phone conference as a result of Covid-19. Attendance was verified by roll call.

Presiding:

Mr John Higgins (JH) Community Sector

Present:

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)	Chief Executive Meath County Council
Cllr Yemi Adenuga (YA)	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Mike Bray (MB)	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
Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)	Meath Partnership
Mr Garrett O'Brien (GoB)	Community Sector
Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK)	Social Inclusion
Ms Anna Melnik (AM)	Social Inclusion
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 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 Dorothy Kerrigan (DK)	Health Service Executive
Ms Ita McGuigan (IMcG)	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)	Environmental Sector
Ms Donna Farrell (DF)	Chambers of Commerce

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Item	Discussion / Action
	<p>JH welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. JH congratulated Senator Annie Hoey on her recent election to the Upper House of the Seanad and thanked her for her contribution to the LCDC and the LAG.</p> <p>FF noted that it is hoped to have a replacement for Senator Hoey in place for the June 2020 meetings of the LCDC and LAG.</p>
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th February, 2020</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 28th February, 2020 were proposed by Michael Ludlow and seconded by Sadie Ward McDermott.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>FF noted that a number of pieces of correspondence had circulated regarding Covid-19. She also advised the Committee specifically on a number of items of correspondence and provided a brief outline of their contents.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Department of Children and Youth Affairs Grant Scheme for Mother and Child Institutions Commemorative Events II. Community Creating Jobs Spring Newsletter 2020 III. The Local Authority Waters Programme's national Storytelling Competition 'Stories from the Waterside' / 'Scéalta Ó Thaobh An Uisce'.
4.	<p>To receive an update on the PPN</p> <p>The following update was provided to the committee by FF;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Response across Meath has been proactive and impressive. • On Friday March 27th, Meath PPN launched an Interactive Map for Community Responses to Covid 19. • The Map provides access to contact details of groups across the county who are providing supports such as grocery shopping, delivery of prescriptions and a social chat. • There are currently 93 groups on the map as well as contact details for Community Gardai. • The map is being used by Meath County Council to signpost the public to support

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	<p>services in their community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meath PPN is a member of the Community Response Forum which met for the first time on March 30th. • Meath PPN is supporting and collaborating with all stakeholders on the Forum to keep community groups updated and informed through our website Newsfeed and Newsletter.
<p>5.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>I. To receive a quarterly report on the Local Economic Community Plan (LECP)</p> <p>FF provided a brief update on the LECP quarterly report. FF advised that work for the next LECP will commence late this year. She also noted that there are a few items in the current LECP that will not be delivered on but this is due to a lack of resources and that this issue has been accepted at national level.</p> <p>II. Covid-19 Community Response Forum</p> <p>FF advised the committee that a Community Response Forum has been setup in the County in response to Covid-19 national health emergency. The forum consists of representatives from statutory and voluntary agencies; Meath County Council, Meath PPN, OPC, Flexibus, Age Friendly, Meath Partnership, An Garda Síochana, IFA, Udaras na Gaeltachta, An Post, HSE etc. The purpose of the Forum is to provide a co-ordinated local response to ensure that those who need help receive it. FF also informed the committee that the Department have provided a small grant scheme for community groups that are incurring costs in the response they are providing; she advised that the application form and guidelines have issued to groups and that the closing date for the grant scheme is 5pm Tuesday 28th April 2020.</p> <p>III. Food Cloud</p> <p>FF informed the committee that Meath Partnership is co-ordinating the collection and distribution of food supplies to those in need around the County. The initiative commenced this week and she asked the committee to advise ML if they were aware of any commercial outlets who would be in a position to donate to the initiative.</p> <p>ML advised that 87 hampers were distributed to families in Meath this week. He noted that currently Meath Partnership is not receiving anything from the Food Cloud, the food in this week's hampers was all sourced locally, however it is hoped that food will be provided by the Food Cloud soon. He informed the committee that they are expecting the need to grow to 300 hampers a week. ML noted and thanked St Vincent De Paul, An Garda Síochana and Civil Defence for their assistance in distributing the hampers.</p>

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	<p>MB complimented the Council on its response to Covid-19. He noted that the response on the ground is led by the communities and that there isn't any parish not included. He also complimented the Housing and Environment sections in their response. MB noted that there are some aspects of the response that could be used again after the emergency.</p> <p>IV. SICAP</p> <p>ML advised the committee that the contract for the additional SICAP funding was signed yesterday, 23rd April, the additional funding amounts to €106,132 and will be used for the Meath Wellness Hub. ML thanked the committee for their support in addressing the SICAP budget issue with the Department.</p>
	<p>Meeting concluded at 10.47am</p>

Signed:  Date: 2nd June 2020
Chairperson