

Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes

Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 24th April, 2020</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 24th April, 2020 were proposed by Ms. Jackie Maguire and seconded by Cllr Mike Bray.</p> <p>SWMcD excused herself from the meeting at 11.00am.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>FF briefed the Committee on a number of items of correspondence which had circulated to the LCDC prior to the meeting and provided a brief outline of their contents. The correspondence items were as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I. Community Finance Ireland regarding the €40 million COVID-19 support package for Community and Voluntary Organisations, Charities and Social Enterprises II. Communities Creating Jobs Spring 2020 Newsletter III. Online consultation on the Draft Youth Justice Strategy IV. Update from Adcenter on various projects and events V. Lets Keep Meath Talking flyer
4.	<p>To receive and approve applications under the Covid-19 Government Fund</p> <p>FF went through the report on the Covid-19 Support Grant which was circulated to the LCDC. She advised that the Covid Support Grant Scheme was announced to assist community groups who are involved in the Community Call and who have incurred costs in responding to the needs in their community.</p> <p>FF advised that there was an allocation of €88,912 for Co. Meath. The grant scheme was advertised to all groups who were taking part in the Community Call with 33 applications received. Of the 33 applications received there was only 1 ineligible application, all other applications were deemed eligible.</p> <p>The recommendations for grant awards were set out in the report circulated to the LCDC with the total amount being proposed to be awarded is €37,000.</p>

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	<p>FF noted that it is proposed to attach a condition to the grant award of Kildalkey GAA stating that the grant can only be used for the purchase of PPE for their members; that the PPE cannot be donated to other agencies.</p> <p>FF advised of a late application from Ashbourne Red Cross and suggested that it is also included for consideration for a grant amount of €1,000.</p> <p>FF asked the members of the LCDC to declare if they had a conflict of interest with any of the applications. ML, YA, JM and NM all advised that they had a conflict of interest and did not take part in any discussion on the grant proposal.</p> <p>MB enquired if the balance of Meath's allocation would be returned to the Department. FF advised that the Council are working on other initiatives that will be in line with the grant criteria. One initiative being considered is a booklet for the "In This Together" campaign. She also noted that there may be another call for grant applications later in the year.</p> <p>The approval of the grant allocations as presented was proposed by MB and seconded by SMcG.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the theme for a case study under SICAP</p> <p>FF advised that Pobal have asked each LCDC to liaise with their Implementing Partner and agree the theme for the 2020 SICAP case study. ML and Jennifer Nolan have proposed that the 2020 case study is prepared under the Collaboration theme.</p> <p>ML confirmed that this is a strong theme considering the current environment.</p> <p>FF also noted that the Mid-Year Review period has been pushed out to the end of June 2020. She confirmed that the next sub group meeting is scheduled for 22nd July to appraise the Mid-Year reports.</p> <p>FF informed the committee that NM had registered his interest in joining the SICAP subgroup and would be invited to attend; he will join JH, YA, SK, DK on the subgroup.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<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"> • Meath PPN continues to collaborate with all stakeholders as part of the Community Call Forum. The Interactive Map of Community Responses is still operational. • The PPN staff team worked with Patricia Cassidy, Community Champion to gather information on community groups for a spread in the Meath Chronicle. This will run for 4 weeks.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PPN has worked with some Forum members on a well-being initiative called 'Let's Keep Meath Talking', the flyer for this initiative was circulated to the LCDC. • Raising awareness of the great work of Community Groups in the Good News Stories on the website, PPN and MCC staff newsletter. • The Annual Report 2019 due into the Department by May 20th is being prepared. • As society slowly moves out of lockdown, the PPN will need to assess the needs of community groups and how best they can be supported to become operational again.
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>FF advised that the next LCDC and LAG meetings are scheduled to take place on Friday 26th June 2020.</p>
	<p>Meeting concluded at 11.07am</p>

Signed: 
Chairperson

Date: 29th June 2020