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Local Community Development Committee
Meeting – 26th February, 2021 at 10.34am

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

Presiding:

Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr) Environmental Sector

Present:

Ms Jackie Maguire	Chief Executive, Meath County Council
Cllr Mike Bray (MB)	Councillor Meath County Council
Cllr Elaine McGinty (EMcG)	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
Ms Pádraicín Bheilbigh (PB)	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Mr Paul Carroll (PC)	Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Mr Tom Oxley (TO)	Health Service Executive
Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)	Meath Partnership
Mr Garret O'Brien (GoB)	Community Sector
Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK)	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

Cllr Yemi Adenuga (YA)	Councillor Meath County Council
Ms Donna Farrell (DF)	Chambers of Commerce
Ms Anna Melnik (AM)	Social Inclusion
Vacant	Community sector

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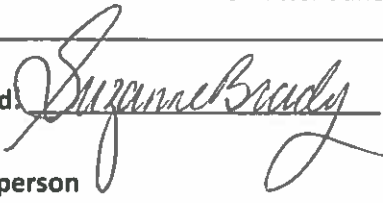
Item	Discussion / Action
	SB welcomed Mr. Tom Oxley (TO) to the LCDC and the LAG. Tom has replaced Ms. Dorothy Kerrigan as the Health Services Executive representative.
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th January, 2021</p> <p>GOB asked that a deletion be made to the text of the draft minutes under Item 7, PPN update paragraph 6. There were no objections to the change.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 29th January, 2021 were proposed by NM and seconded by SMcG.</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. The correspondence items were as follows;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Email from the ESF and EGF Policy and Operations Unit in the Department of Further and Higher Education regarding the AONTAS Adult Learners' Festival 2021 which will take place from 1st – 5th March 2021. ii. Details of the Carmichael Mentor Programme, the closing date is Friday the 26th of February iii. Details of the College Connect in Maynooth University regarding their new messaging video College is For Anyone, It Can Be You iv. HSE Partner Pack and Covid-19 Stakeholder updates v. Email from Social Entrepreneurs Ireland regarding the “see the challenge, be the change” initiative. Closing date midnight on the 7th of April. vi. The 2021 Social Enterprise Development Fund, closing date March 5th 2021 vii. Details of the LMETB Stay Connected programme viii. Email from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) regarding the re-launching of the Supporting Children campaign in light of intensified COVID-19 restrictions
4.	<p>To receive and approve the LCDC annual report 2020</p> <p>FF advised that under legislation a LCDC Annual Report is required to be completed and approved by the LCDC and the Full Council. If the LCDC approve the report at today's meeting it will be brought to the Full Council at their March meeting next week. FF provided a brief outline of the contents of the LCDC Annual Report for 2020, noting that there were a number of changes to the membership during 2020 with EMcG and PB joining and the change to the holder of Chairperson</p>

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	<p>with SB elected and SMcG to Vice-chairperson. The report outlined the work of the LCD C in 2020 which included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued monitoring of the LECP and the SICAP programme - The LAG allocated 100% of the LEADER budget. - The approval of funding under the Community Enhancement Programme and the Covid-19 Emergency Fund round 1. - Minister Helen McEntee TD launched the Joint Louth Meath Integration Strategy in October, the first Migrant Forum meeting took place on the 20th November, the next meeting is scheduled for 28th March 2021. FF advised that reports will be presented to the LCD C on the progress of the implementation of the strategy. <p>SB thanked FF for the report and the members for their work, noting that there were significant challenges in 2020.</p> <p>The approval of the LCD C Annual Plan for 2020 was proposed by JM and seconded by SWMcD.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive and approve the SICAP end of year report 2020</p> <p>ML provided a brief overview on the SICAP programme for 2020. He noted that it was a difficult year with two lockdowns, however they were pleased with progress and advised that the KPI targets for 2020 were over achieved. He advised that the SICAP team was strengthened in 2020 with the employment of additional staff and noted that there is now a full staff compliment in the SICAP team. ML thanked the SICAP sub committee and the LCD C for their support and in particular the support in requesting additional funding from the Department.</p> <p>ML also advised that the Wellness hub had been rolled out and that they are on target to integrate it in to the programme in 2023.</p> <p>The approval of the SICAP end of year report for 2020 was proposed by NM and seconded by SWMcD.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>To approve applications under the Covid 19 grant scheme phase 2</p> <p>FF went through the report on the Covid-19 Support Grant Round 2 which was circulated to the LCD C members prior to the meeting.</p> <p>FF advised that there was an allocation of €52,730 provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development for Co. Meath in the 2nd round. There is also a balance from the 1st round of funding, bringing the total fund amount to €55,712.08. The Department recommended 30% of the fund was ring fenced for grants of €1000 or less.</p> <p>The grant scheme was advertised through the PPN, with 42 applications received. Of the 42 applications received there were 4 ineligible application, and 1 application was withdrawn, the remaining 37 applications were deemed eligible or part eligible.</p> <p>FF noted that some of the expenditure has already incurred and it is at the LCD C's discretion to</p>

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	<p>approve that this expenditure is eligible. FF also advised that it is proposed to attach specific conditions to a number of grant approvals.</p> <p>SWMcD commented that it would be important for the LCDC to take cognisance of the retrospection and it would be appropriate to accommodate community groups that had already incurred the expenditure.</p> <p>JM agreed noting that given the circumstances groups faced in 2020 and the range and spread of the applications she would be supportive of their approval.</p> <p>GOB also agreed noting it was a practical solution.</p> <p>The approval of the grant allocations as presented was proposed by ML and seconded by JM and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the PPN</p> <p>FF provided a brief update to the committee on the PPN;</p> <p>Meath PPN Spring Training 2021 Programme was launched on February 5th. A range of courses will be available online over the coming weeks to support the work of Meath PPN members and build the capacity of groups in the network. The courses are free and will be delivered by experienced trainers from Social Justice Ireland and the Carmichael Centre. The classes cover a wide range of areas: from finance, to communication and what the PPN is itself. The programme is an also an opportunity to support groups and work together.</p> <p>FF also advised the members, following the recent correspondence from the Department the plenary is scheduled to take place on the 28th April 2021 and details on the format will issue shortly. FF provided a brief overview of the plenary noting that at least one plenary must take place each year, it is similar to an AGM where the PPN members come together and agree a work programme and the budget. In normal times it is a networking event for groups to meet and discuss ideas.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>FF advised the members that the next meeting of the LCDC and LAG is scheduled to take place at 10.30am on Friday 26th March, 2021.</p> <p>SB thanked all for their attendance and participation. Meeting concluded at 10.56am.</p>

Signed: 
 Chairperson

Date: 30th March, 2021