

***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***  
***Local Community Development Committee***  
***Meeting – 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 at 10.40am***

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

**Presiding:**

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)                      Farming Sector

**Present:**

Mr Des Foley (DF)	Deputy 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
Ms Pádraicín Bheilbigh (PB)	Údarás na Gaeltachta
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
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 Elaine McGinty (EMcG)	Councillor Meath County Council
Mr Paul Carroll (PC)	Dept of Employment Affairs & Social Protection
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Ms Anna Melnik (AM)	Social Inclusion
Ms Donna Farrell (DF)	Chambers of Commerce
Ms Suzanne Brady (SBr)	Environmental Sector
Mr Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector
Vacant	Community sector

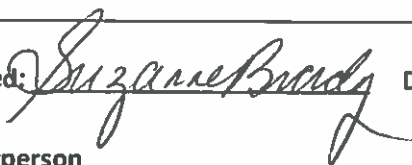
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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021 were proposed by ML and seconded by JE.</p>
2.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>No matters arising.</p>
3.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. HSE Covid-19 Stakeholder Partner Packs</li> <li>ii. Meath County Council's Covid-19 Social Media Campaign of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021</li> <li>iii. Email from The Wheel - Training Networks grant scheme ranging from €10,000.00 to €50,000.00, under the Training Links programme. Applications are open until Friday, 13 August at 5pm.</li> <li>iv. Email from Community Finance Ireland regarding a survey on how Social Enterprises are financed in Ireland</li> <li>v. Press Release dated 29th June: Minister O'Brien welcomes announcement of EU funded project to establish a National Competence Centre for Social innovation in Ireland</li> <li>vi. Press Release dated 6<sup>th</sup> July: Minister O'Gorman launches public consultation on the review of the Equality Acts</li> <li>vii. Press Release dated 7<sup>th</sup> July: Minister O'Gorman announces 2021 LGBTI+ Community Services Funding Call</li> <li>viii. Press Release dated 9<sup>th</sup> July: Ministers Humphreys, McGrath and O'Brien announce €4.5 million in COVID-19 Stability funding for community and voluntary groups</li> <li>ix. Press Release dated 15th July: Minister Humphreys Announces €800,000 Social Enterprise Start-up Fund</li> <li>x. Press Release dated 16<sup>th</sup> July: Minister Rabbitte seeks Expressions of Interest to join Ireland's Disability Stakeholder Group</li> <li>xi. Email from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications (DECC) re online public consultation to assist with the development of the next Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) National Implementation Plan. The consultation is open until Friday 10 September 2021</li> <li>xii. SICAP 2020 annual report</li> </ul>
4.	<p><b>To approve applications for funding under the community enhancement programme 2021</b></p> <p>FF provided a brief overview of the Community Enhancement Programme scheme for 2021.</p> <p>The approval of the recommendations as set out in the report circulated to the committee was proposed by MB and seconded by PB and agreed by all present by a show of hands.</p>

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5.	<p><b>To receive an update on the PPN</b></p> <p>FF provided a brief update to the committee on the PPN noting that the process to develop fundamental governance systems in the Meath PPN continues. Good governance is a requirement of DRCD policy and necessary for the network to be fit for purpose for its member groups and meet the core objectives of participation and representation.</p> <p>The PPN continues to act as an information and communication hub for network member groups.</p>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>i. <u>Extension of SICAP Programme</u></p> <p>FF advised the committee that the Department have confirmed that the SICAP programme will be extended by 12 months to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and noted that this was included as an option in the original tender and subsequent funding agreement.</p> <p>ii. <u>Approval of redistribution of Round 2 unclaimed Covid-19 Emergency Funding</u></p> <p>FF advised the committee that there is a balance of €4,031 from Round 2 of the Covid-19 Emergency Funding, this arose due to applicants not claiming the full amount which had been allocated to them. FF advised that it was proposed to award this funding to Ashbourne Red Cross who were not awarded funding in the original allocations. FF noted that there is a quick turn around time required as the funding must be spent and claimed by the end of August and that Ashbourne Red Cross have indicated they will be in a position to avail of the funding within the timelines.</p> <p>The approval of the balance of Round 2 Covid19 Emergency Funding to Ashbourne Red Cross was proposed by ML and seconded by TO.</p> <p>iii. <u>Next meeting</u></p> <p>FF advised that there will be no LCDC or LAG meetings held in August and that the next meeting of the LCDC and LAG is scheduled to take place at 10.30am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. FF also informed the committee the meeting may be held in a blended approach with some members physically attending, FF confirmed that the members will be advised of the approach prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 10.45 a.m.</p>

Signed:



Date: 06.10.2021

Chairperson

