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Local Community Development Committee
Meeting – 24th September, 2021 at 10.37am

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 (JM)	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
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)	Administrative Officer, Community Department MCC
Ms Karen Dalton (KD)	Staff Officer, Community Department MCC

Apologies/Absent

Cllr Yemi Adenuga (YA)	Councillor Meath County Council
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Ms Anna Melnik (AM)	Social Inclusion
Ms Donna Farrell (DF)	Chambers of Commerce
Vacant	Community sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 30th July, 2021</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the 30th July, 2021 were proposed by JE and seconded by ML.</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Email from ALONE regarding their Befriending Training programme ii. HSE Covid-19 Stakeholder & Partner Pack updates iii. Email re HSE Vaccine Community Network update iv. Press release from Minister Humphreys of €500,000 Awareness Raising Initiative for Social Enterprise (ARISE) Scheme 2021 v. Email Social Entrepreneurs Ireland with a profile on each of the five 2021 Impact Awardees <p>NM joined the meeting at 10.39am.</p>
4.	<p>To receive an update on the SICAP programme</p> <p>SB advised that the subgroup met on the 21st September and invited ML to provide an update to the LCDC.</p> <p>ML advised that guidance has issued on the Mid Programme Review and a Statement of Priorities. He informed the committee of the identified priorities; new communities, mental health, long term unemployed, traveller/ roma and older people, and provided a brief update on their status in Meath.</p> <p>ML advised that Meath Partnership have some ideas on how to improve the services but that in order to be able to provide a strong approach to these priorities additional funding will be required. He advised that he has met with the Principal Officer regarding additional funding and awaits a response.</p> <p>TO joined the meeting at 10.41am</p> <p>ML advised that the KPI's for 2021 are all on target and it is anticipated that they will be met in full by year end, he stated that he does not anticipate a review will be required to the Meath KPI's.</p> <p>SB acknowledged the excellent work carried out by the SICAP team.</p>

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	<p>FF advised that the Mid Programme review is ongoing and it is expected that each LCDC will look at 3 of the 5 priority areas listed over the next 2 years and they will need to be included in the 2022 Annual Plan which is to be drafted by 12th November, 2021. FF also advised that the 3 priorities identified for Meath will be brought to the October LCDC meeting for approval. FF noted that the annual SICAP engagement meeting with Donnacha McSorley from Pobal has been arranged for Tuesday 19th October.</p> <p>FF advised the committee that there was approximately €25k carried over into the 2021 SICAP budget, this arose from the 2018 and 2019 audits and the cash on hand at the end of 2020. This funding has been used to continue the employment of a Youth Councillor from April to the end of the year, their original employment was only to the end of April 2021.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the PPN</p> <p>FF advised the committee that a meeting took place recently between the Department and secretariat and that the re-registration process of PPN members will be commencing in the next week to 10 days.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>i. <u>LECP</u></p> <p>SB noted that work with the next LECP will be commencing shortly and that it is an opportunity for the LCDC to identify key objectives. She noted that it will involve a signification commitment of time from the committee and asked that everyone consider their availability and make themselves available to participate. FF noted that the guidelines are still being finalised and it is anticipated that they will be issued in the next few weeks.</p> <p>ii. <u>Social Enterprise Capital Grant Scheme</u></p> <p>FF noted that the details and application form for the scheme were circulated to the LCDC, PPN Social Inclusion Pillar, on www.meath.ie and through the Council's social media accounts. She advised that Meath had received an allocation of approx. €30k and asked the committee to circulate the information and encourage eligible groups to apply. FF noted that the funding is coming from the dormant funds account, which means that the Minister will be approving the applications. Approved applications will be brought to the November meeting of the LCDC for noting.</p>

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iii. **Next meeting**

FF advised that next meeting of the LCDC and LAG is scheduled to take place at 10.30am on Friday 22nd October, 2021.

Meeting concluded at 10.51 a.m.

Signed: Suzanne Brady Date: 23.12.2021

Chairperson