

## ***Miontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes***

***Local Community Development Committee***

***Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 at 11.30 am***

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

### **Presiding:**

Ms Suzanne Brady (SB) Environmental Sector

### **Present:**

Cllr Noel French (NF)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Cllr Mike Bray (MB)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)	Meath Partnership
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
Mr Garret O'Brien (GOB)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Seamus McGee SMcG)	Farming Sector
Mr Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector
Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath
Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK)	Social Inclusion Sector
Ms Shola Yahya (SY)	Social Inclusion Sector

### **Officials:**

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)	Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community Dept, MCC
Ms Angie Mitchell (AM)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Department, MCC
Ms Alison Lynch (AL)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Department, MCC

### **Apologies/Absent**

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)	Chief Executive, Meath County Council
Cllr Elaine McGinty (EMcG)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Ms Sharon Curran (SC)	Department of Social Protection
Ms Johann McKeever (JMCK)	HSE
Ms Donna Farrell (DF)	Chamber of Commerce
Gráinne Ní Choisdealbha (GNIC)	Udaras na Gaeltachta
Vacant	Community Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022</b></p> <p>GOB did not agree to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 as he was stated that the text did not clearly reflect what was said at the meeting.</p> <p>FF advised GOB to send his feedback by email to Angie Mitchell and stated that the minutes would be amended accordingly and brought back to the next meeting</p> <p>SWMcD asked GOB to confirm if the feedback he was referring to was reflective of those who had attended this meeting rather than it being personal feedback.</p> <p>GOB confirmed that the feedback he was referring to was coming from those who had attended the meeting.</p>
2.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>FF advised that there were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>FF briefed the Committee on 6 items of correspondence, all of which had been circulated to the LCDC members in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>GOB referred to one of these items of correspondence relating to insurance which had been sent by him to the Administrator and circulated to the Committee. He confirmed that he had sent this email in error from his work email address and wanted to clarify that this information was general advice relating to insurance and was not specific to his employer.</p> <p>ML thanked Garret for the research he carried out and the information he fed back to the Committee on the question of insurance that arose during the last meeting.</p>
4.	<p><b>To receive an update on the PPN</b></p> <p>FF confirmed that the Meath PPN Support Worker is continuing the work programme as agreed at the Plenary meeting to deliver an independent process for Secretariat elections and network development.</p>

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<p>5.</p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>GOB</b> advised the committee that he had been contacted by a community group who wanted to organise an event for Ukrainian refugees staying in a local Hotel. When the community group contacted the hotel in question, the staff members of that hotel would not give the group any information regarding the residents of the hotel and advised them to contact Meath County Council. He asked for clarification on this.</p> <p><b>FF</b> confirmed that the community response forum was set up by the Council to coordinate the local response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. The Council would not provide direct contact details for the refugees (in compliance with GDPR) but if community groups wish to organize events to involve the Ukrainians in the community, the groups can leave posters/leaflets at the locations where the Ukrainians are staying. Another option for groups would be to forward details to the Community Forum or the PPN who could then circulate as needed.</p> <p><b>SWMcD</b> agree that while the agencies and community groups are doing great work in making the refugees feel welcome and helping with their needs, it is important to remember that they are vulnerable and that there are a lot of minors staying in the various types of accommodation. It is important for the staff in question (at the various accommodation locations) to be careful and to protect their data and safety.</p> <p><b>ML</b> agreed with SWMcD on the importance of safeguarding the Ukrainian refugees staying in various locations around the county and stated that there would be an element of oversight as to who is looking to contact them and what is being offered to them but he stressed that this should not hamper the community activities that are being organised around the county for them.</p> <p><b>FF</b> reminded the Committee that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.</p> <p><b>SB</b> thanked all for their attendance and also thanked those involved in organising this monthly meeting. She reminded Committee members that a quorum is required in order for these meetings to take place and urged all members to attend these meetings where possible going forward.</p> <p><b>MB</b> commented on the various projects that have been supported across the county through Leader funding and suggested that the committee might one day visit some of those project locations.</p> <p><b>ML</b> welcomed this idea and stated that he will progress this request.</p> <p>Meeting concluded at 11.55 a.m.</p>
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Signed: Suzanne Brady  
Chairperson

Date: 3rd August 2022