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Local Community Development Committee

Meeting – 21st October 2022 at 10.30 am

Held by phone conference/in person. Attendance was verified by roll call.

Presiding:

Ms Suzanne Brady (SB) Environmental Sector

Present:

Mr Barry Lynch (BL)	Director of Services, Meath County Council
Cllr Yemi Adenuga (YA)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Cllr Elaine McGinty (EMcG)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Cllr Mike Bray (MB)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Mr Michael Ludlow (ML)	Meath Partnership
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
Ms Sharon Curran (SC)	Department of Social Protection
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Mr Garret O'Brien (GOB)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Seamus McGee SMcG)	Farming Sector
Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK)	Social Inclusion Sector
Mr Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector

Officials:

Ms Fiona Fallon (FF)	Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community Dept, MCC
Ms Aine Bird (AB)	Administrative Office, Community Dept, MCC
Ms Angie Mitchell (AM)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dep, MCC
Ms Alison Lynch (AL)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC

Apologies/Absent

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)	Chief Executive, Meath County Council
Ms Donna Farrell (DF)	Chamber of Commerce
Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath
Ms Shola Yahya (SY)	Social Inclusion Sector
Ms Johann McKeever (JMCK)	Health Service Executive
Vacant	Udaras na Gaeltachta
Vacant	Community Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd September 2022</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 10.35 and SB welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>YA joined the meeting at 10.36</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2022 were confirmed on the proposal of ML and seconded by JE.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>FF advised that there were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>FF briefed the Committee on 5 items of correspondence, all of which had been circulated to the LCDC members in advance of the meeting. This included the SICAP Impact Case Study and video link to same.</p> <p>SB suggested that this video be displayed to the committee today as she felt it was effective in highlighting the positive impact to date of the SICAP programme.</p> <p>FF played the video but due to a problem with the audio, the committee could not hear the video.</p> <p>SB asked for the video link to be sent again to the committee after today's meeting and recommended that the committee watch the video.</p>
4.	<p>To receive details of the 2021 SICAP Audit</p> <p>FF stated that as part of the SICAP programme contract, an annual audit is undertaken by the Internal Audit Unit of Meath County Council on the request of Meath LCDC and the audit report for 2021 had been circulated to the Committee prior to this meeting. In relation to the recommendations made in the last audit, she confirmed that there was one remaining action that was outstanding which has now been actioned and the appropriate signage is now in place at the PI Headquarters in Kells and in the outreach centre in Navan. She briefed the Committee on the 3 recommendations made by the Audit Committee following this audit and relayed the responses received from Meath Partnership in addressing these recommendations.</p> <p>ML confirmed that he was very happy with the outcome of this financial audit and all previous SICAP audits.</p>

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	<p>SB commended the internal audit unit of Meath County Council for their attention to detail in carrying out this audit.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the Healthy Ireland round 4 programme 2022-2025.</p> <p>FF briefed the Committee on the Healthy Ireland Fund 2022– 2025 on behalf of the Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator, Ms Aisling O’Donnell, Community Section, Meath County Council who was currently on annual leave and who couldn’t attend this meeting. This brief had been circulated to the Committee prior to this meeting. She confirmed that a total of €75,000 has been allocated to the fund for 2023, with a baseline of €40,000 for 2024 and 2025 respectively (exclusive of the salary of the Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator). She noted that this funding may increase and confirmed that each Local Authority is required to complete and submit a HIF 2023-2025 local strategy. The original deadline for submission of this local strategy was 9th December however she confirmed that this deadline has now been extended to 27th January 2023 to allow for the submission of a fully detailed strategy based on an outcome lead approach. She advised that as part of this process a Healthy Meath Public Consultation Survey is currently available online, targeted Focus Groups will be undertaken in the Community and their findings will be analysed and learnings from the LECP Consultation will also be examined under the lens of the HIF 2023-2025 application guidelines. She noted that none of the data will be retained as part of this research process. She confirmed that Meath’s Health Ireland Co-Ordinator, Ms O’Donnell will present further details of the strategy to this Committee in December or early January for approval.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)</p> <p>FF gave an update on the PPN and stated that Municipal District elections are completed, and the first 6 people of the new Secretariat have been declared with elections for Pillar members ongoing and results due next week. She noted that the first full in-person secretariat meeting will take place in early November and an independent facilitator will be in place to carry out inductions for new Secretariat members. She confirmed that there are now 499 groups registered with Meath PPN and that the Meath PPN Resource Worker had recently attended the following events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Empowering Change’ Climate Action training in Mullingar, October 4th & 5th • Meath Comhairle na nÓg AGM, October 13th • Information Stand at Trim FRC ‘Embracing Communities’ event, October 19th • PPN National Conference in Laois, October 21st & 22nd

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7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>FF advised that the next LCDC Meeting will be held on 25th November 2022.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 10.50 a.m.</p>
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Signed: *Suzanne Brady*
Chairperson

Date: *21st December 2022*