

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

***Local Community Development Committee***

***Meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 10.30 a.m.***

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

### **Presiding:**

Ms Suzanne Brady (SB) Environmental Sector

### **Present:**

Ms Jackie Maguire (JM)	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 Lorraine Flynn (LF)	Health Service Executive
Mr Colin Ludlow (CL)	Meath Partnership
Ms Sharon Curran (SC)	Department of Social Protection
Mr Garret O'Brien (GOB)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)	Farming Sector
Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK)	Social Inclusion Sector
Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath
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 Dep, MCC
Ms Alison Lynch (AL)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC

### **Apologies/Absent**

Cllr Elaine McGinty (EMcG)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Mr Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Ms Ciara Burke (CB)	Chamber of Commerce
Mr Sean O'Coisdealbha (SO'C)	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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b></p> <p>The meeting commenced at 11.24 and <b>SB</b> welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of <b>JM</b> and seconded by <b>SK</b>.</p>
2.	<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p><b>FF</b> advised that there were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>FF</b> confirmed that there were no items of correspondence.</p>
4.	<p><b>To receive and approve the Annual LCDC Report 2022</b></p> <p><b>SB</b> advised that this Annual Report had been circulated in advance of this meeting and invited any questions or comments from the Committee.</p> <p>The approval of the Annual LCDC Report 2022 was proposed by <b>SC</b> and seconded by <b>MB</b>.</p>
5.	<p><b>To receive and approve the Terms of Reference of the Meath LCDC Health &amp; Wellbeing Subgroup</b></p> <p><b>FF</b> advised that this subgroup was being established as part of the Healthy Ireland Implementation Plan that was approved by the LCDC at their January meeting and that the purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Subgroup is to oversee the coordination and monitor the implementation of the Healthy Ireland programme in County Meath. It will also provide a platform to inform and expand to include other future health related funding under the remit of Meath LCDC. She noted that the Terms of Reference had been circulated in advance of this meeting with details in relation to principles, membership, reporting, tenure of office, meetings, reporting structure and decision making.</p> <p>The approval of the Terms of Reference of the Meath LCDC Health &amp; Wellbeing subgroup was proposed by <b>JM</b> and seconded by <b>CL</b>.</p>
6.	<p><b>To seek 3 No. nominations from the LCDC for the Health &amp; Wellbeing Subgroup</b></p> <p><b>FF</b> outlined that the membership of the Health &amp; Wellbeing Subgroup will include members of the HSE, Meath County Council, 3 nominees from Meath LCDC (one of which must be an elected member) and one representative from Meath Partnership. She stated that the sub-group members will nominate a chairperson for the funding term and a report will be prepared following</p>

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	<p>each meeting to be circulated at the next scheduled LCDC meeting and LCDC members of the sub-group can provide additional information as required at the LCDC meetings if necessary.</p> <p>She confirmed that she would liaise with <b>CL</b> in relation to the Meath Partnership nominee and would send an email to all LCDC Members in the coming weeks seeking the 3 nominations and give them time to think about their possible membership of this Committee.</p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>To receive details of and approve the Community Support Fund grant applications for 2023.</b></p> <p><b>FF</b> confirmed that the report and proposed grant allocations had been circulated to the Committee in advance of this meeting and that Meath County Council had received and allocation of over €300,000 in funding under the Community Enhancement Programme for the Community Support Fund 2023. She stated that the funding will be allocation as follows: current funding costs, capital funding costs, Women’s sheds costs and administrative costs. She also noted that the underspend from the 2022 scheme will be carried over for inclusion in the 2023 scheme and therefore, the funding for 2023 (including carry over from last year’s CAF Grant Scheme) and including 1% Administration fee totals €331,722.</p> <p><b>FF</b> advised that a total of 269 applications had been received under this fund with 15 of those being deemed invalid. She thanked <b>AL</b> for the work she had carried out in preparing this detailed report and for allocating the funding over 214 Community groups. She highlighted to the committee that the Department of Rural and Community Development have stated that the outcome of any approved proposals under the fund cannot be shared with the successful groups until the DRCD issue their press release and therefore she asked that the contents of the report be kept confidential until that time.</p> <p><b>FF</b> noted that as of 23<sup>rd</sup> March the DRCD had not agreed on a date for the press release and she stated that the Community Section will issue the letters of offers as soon as the press release is issued.</p> <p>Both <b>GH</b> &amp; <b>MB</b> advised that they had an involvement with some of the applicant groups and therefore abstained from any discussion or voting to approve the Community Support Fund 2023 applications.</p> <p>Both <b>JM</b> &amp; <b>CL</b> also acknowledged the amount of work involved in assessing the applications and allocating such a large amount of money to a large number of applicants.</p> <p>The approval of the Community Support Fund 2023 report and allocations were proposed by <b>JM</b> and seconded by <b>LF</b>.</p>

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<b>8.</b>	<p><b>To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)</b></p> <p>FF gave an update on the PPN and confirmed that a Plenary meeting date of 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 had been selected with Knightsbrook Hotel in Trim as the venue. The Secretariat and Staff have yet to finalise the running order for the day.</p> <p>She confirmed that training for the Secretariat had taken place on 8<sup>th</sup> March delivered by Jamie Moore and that 2 Secretariat members and the Resource Officer attend the Midlands Regional PPN meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Castle Durrow, Laois.</p> <p>She advised that a Sustainability workshop for Tidy Towns, Pride of Place and groups with a biodiversity project will be held in Carlanstown Community Hub on 28<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>547 groups are now registered with Meath PPN.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>FF advised that the next LCD C Meeting will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 11.23 a.m.</p>



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Chairperson**

Date: 04/05/2023