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Local Community Development Committee

Meeting – 20th October at 10.35 a.m.

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

Presiding:

Ms Suzanne Brady (SB) Environmental Sector

Present:

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| Ms Fiona Lawless (FL) | 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 Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD) | Louth Meath Education Training Board |
| Ms Sharon Curran (SC) | Department of Social Protection |
| Ms Lorraine Flynn (LF) | Health Service Executive |
| Mr Colin Ludlow (CL) | Meath Partnership |
| Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG) | Farming Sector |
| Mr Noel Maguire (NM) | Trade Union Sector |
| Ms Geraldine Hogarty (GH) | Youth Work Ireland Meath |
| Ms Shola Yahya (SY) | Social Inclusion Sector |
| Mr Garret O'Brien (GOB) | Community & Voluntary Sector |

Officials:

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| Ms Fiona Fallon (FF) | Chief Officer, Senior Executive Officer, Community Dept, MCC |
| Ms Valerie McHugh (VMcH) | Administrative Officer, Community Dept, MCC |
| Ms Angie Mitchell (AM) | Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC |
| Ms Alison Lynch (AL) | Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC |

Apologies/Absent

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| Cllr Elaine McGinty (EMcG) | Councillor, Meath County Council |
| Mr Sean O'Coisdealbha (SO'C) | Udaras na Gaeltachta |
| Ms Ciara Burke (CB) | Chamber of Commerce |
| Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK) | Social Inclusion Sector |
| Vacant | Community Sector |

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| Item | Discussion / Action |
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| 1. | <p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd September 2023</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 10.35 a.m. and SB welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of CL and seconded by YA.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Matters arising</p> <p>FF advised that there were no matters arising.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>FF confirmed that two items of correspondence, the SICAP Case Study 2023 and the Meath Wellness Hub Case Study 2023, were circulated in advance of the meeting and encouraged all the Committee to read the case studies and watch the videos as they show the exceptional work being carried out by both the SICAP and Meath Wellness Hub teams.</p> <p>SMCG joined the meeting at 10.37</p> |
| 4. | <p>To receive update on the status of the LECP following the October Full Council meeting</p> <p>FF advised that the LECP was adopted by Meath County Council members at their October meeting and noted that dates of approval by the SPC and LCDC of the final framework and implementation plan have also been inserted into the plan. She stated that a number of copies of the plan will now be printed and it is hoped that the plan will be officially launched before year end and implementation of the plan will then begin in the New Year.</p> |
| 5. | <p>To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)</p> <p>FF gave an update on the PPN as follows and noted that this update had been circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting:</p> <p>Meath PPN held another Leadership training workshop in Summerhill Community Centre (Oct 17th) where 14 more volunteers attended. Feedback from all trainings has been positive and the PPN is looking at facilitating further training sessions for groups across 2024.</p> <p>A meeting of Trim MD registered groups took place on Wednesday October 18th in Summerhill Community Centre. 30 groups were represented and took part in workshops on participation and getting involved with their local PPN. As well as presentations from Trim SEC, Teagasc, Climate Action and Enfield Credit Union, around the theme of sustainability. The evening finished with networking and a focus on the development of Linkage Groups across the network.</p> |

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| | <p>Following the Social Inclusion Pillar meeting, a call for a Secretariat rep from the Pillar was made. One person was nominated and will take their place from November. 11 of the 12 Secretariat positions are now filled.</p> <p>The next Plenary will take place on Thursday November 30th where a range of policies and procedures have been developed and agreed by Secretariat to go forward for ratification.</p> <p>Staff attended the Mindful Connect programme launch in Drogheda where the programme will be promoted through the PPN networks of Meath and Louth.</p> <p>6 representatives, including Staff and Secretariat, attended the National Conference hosted by Wicklow PPN in Arklow on October 4th - 6th. Attendees took part in discussions on the Implementation Roadmap and SPC protocols as well as excursions and workshops by community groups from Wicklow PPN. The event was addressed by Minister Joe O'Brien who emphasised the important work of PPNs across the country and announced budget supports from the Department to both PPNs and LCDCs</p> <p>597 groups are now registered with Meath PPN.</p> |
| 6. | <p>AOB</p> <p>FF advised that the next LCDC Meeting will be held on Friday 24th November 2023.</p> <p>SB thanked all for their attendance.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 10.40 a.m.</p> |

Signed: 

Chairperson

Date: 24th November 2023