

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

### ***Local Community Development Committee***

***Meeting –24<sup>th</sup> November 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:**

Mr Des Foley (DF)	Director of Services, Meath County Council
Cllr Yemi Adenuga (YA)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Cllr Mike Bray (MB)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Ms Sharon Curran (SC)	Department of Social Protection
Mr Sean O’Coisdealbha (SO’C)	Udaras na Gaeltachta
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

#### **Officials:**

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**

Cllr Elaine McGinty (EMcG)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
Ms Ciara Burke (CB)	Chamber of Commerce
Ms Susuana Komolafe (SK)	Social Inclusion Sector
Mr Garret O’Brien (GOB)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Vacant	Health Service Executive
Vacant	Community Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p><b>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b></p> <p>The meeting commenced at 10.35 a.m. and <b>SB</b> welcomed all in attendance.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023 were confirmed on the proposal of <b>CL</b> and seconded by <b>SC</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 received.</p>
4.	<p><b>To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)</b></p> <p><b>FF</b> 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 a climate action workshop on 15<sup>th</sup> November with over 45 groups in attendance. The workshop explored the new Community Climate Action Fund with groups learning the criteria under which they can apply and the supports available to complete an application.</p> <p>PPN staff attended Meath Comhairle na nOg AGM in Trim where they had a stand providing information on the PPN and how young people could become more involved.</p> <p>PPN staff attended the Joint Migrant Integration Forum in Glenside Hotel on 8<sup>th</sup> November providing information on supports available in the County and how to connect into their local communities.</p> <p>The next Plenary will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November in Wilkinstown Community Centre with presentations from Healthy Meath, Climate Action, Clann Credo Community Finance, LAWPRO, Home Energy Kits and BHP Insurance.</p> <p><b>603</b> groups are now registered with Meath PPN</p>
6.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>FF</b> advised that in relation to SICAP, an updated list of subcontractors for 2023 had been submitted by Meath Partnership for approval by the LCDC which had been circulated in advance of this meeting.</p>

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**MB** advised of a conflict of interest in relation to this list of subcontractors and asked to abstain from voting.

The updated SICAP subcontractor list was approved on the proposal of **SWMcD** and seconded by **GH**.

**FF** also advised the LCD C that four salary increases of €2,000 per employee had been applied by Meath Partnership following the serving of successful probationary periods and noted that these four salary increases for SICAP Staff were previously included and approved by the LCD C as part of the SICAP Annual Budget 2023.

**SWMcD** stated that Minister Byrne had announced recently that the participation of women on sports committees should be increased and suggested that this may need to be addressed by the PPN.

**FF** advised that committee membership in relation to SICAP is reliant on volunteers but that lack of participation on committees by women has not been an issue to date and compliance in relation to committee membership under SICAP is being adhered to.

**MB** stated that the announcement by Minister Byrne was in relation to the lack of participation of women on national executive committees and other main sporting body committees but **MB** will contact Thomas Byrne TD for clarification on this.

**YA** congratulated **GH** and her team on winning a Pride of Place award for their Navan Youth Project.

**FF** advised that the next LCD C Meeting will be held on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

**SB** thanked all for their attendance.

**The meeting concluded at 10.48 a.m.**



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

**Chairperson**

Date: 15/12/2023