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Local Community Development Committee

Meeting – 25th April 2025 @ 10.57 a.m.

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

Presiding:

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)

Farming Section Sector

Present:

Mr Barry Lynch (BL)

Director of Services, Meath County Council

Cllr Maria Murphy (MM)

Councillor, Meath County Council

Cllr Pádraig Coffey (PC)

Councillor, Meath County Council

Ms Sharon Curran (SC)

Department of Social Protection

Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)

Louth Meath Education Training Board

Mr Sean O Coisdealbha (SOC)

Údarás na Gaeltachta

Mr Colin Ludlow (CL)

Meath Partnership

Mr Garret O'Brien (GO'B)

Community & Voluntary Sector

Ms Shola Yahya (SY)

Social Inclusion Sector

Ms Ger Hogarty (GH)

Youth Work Ireland Meath

Ms Ciara Burke (CB)

Chamber of Commerce

Ms Aileen Brady (AB)

Social Inclusion Sector

Guest:

Ms Alison Lynch (AL)

Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator, Community Dept, MCC

Officials:

Mr Brian Hora (BH)

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

Apologies/Absent

Cllr Edward Fennessy (EF)

Councillor, Meath County Council

Mr Joe English (JE)

Local Enterprise Office

Ms Johann McKeever (JMCK)

Health Service Executive

Mr Noel Maguire (NM)

Trade Union Sector

Ms Nicky Bowman (NB)

Community & Voluntary Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	<p>To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 28th March 2025</p> <p>The meeting commenced at 10.57 a.m. following the Local Action Group Meeting.</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 28th March were confirmed on the proposal of MM and seconded by SC.</p>
2.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>BH advised that there were no matters arising.</p>
3.	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>BH advised that there were no items of correspondence received for April.</p>
4.	<p>To receive an update on the PPN</p> <p>BH gave an update on the PPN for the month of April as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for the National Conference continues. Meetings with DRCD/MCC and Events & Communications team have taken place. • SPC reps attended training on March 25th in Buvinda House. AILG (Association of Irish Local Government) are holding an online training for members of SPC's on April 17th and a further community reps training will take place in early summer, hosted by Meath PPN. • 132 young people attended the Mental Health book project event on Friday 11th April. • The May Plenary meeting will take place in Duleek on Thursday, 29th May. • 763 groups are registered with Meath PPN, broken down as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 648 Community/Voluntary ○ 94 Social Inclusion ○ 21 Environment <p>BH advised that he hopes to have further updates in relation to the itinerary for the PPN Conference in October for the May LCD C Meeting.</p> <p>GOB noted that the planning of the Conference to date is going well, and he expects that the PPN Conference will be an exciting event. He thanked all involved in the preparation to date.</p> <p>MM stated that as a Local Elected Representative, she encourages all her constituents to register with the PPN.</p>

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5. To receive an update on the Healthy Meath Programme

AL gave an update of the Healthy Meath programme as follows. She noted that this is the final year of the 3-year programme.

The Healthy Ireland Fund R4 2024 Overview: -

- 26 projects were completed by December 2024.
- Pobal progress and financial reporting for 2024 was submitted in February 2025. Both have been approved.
- Budget Allocation for 2025 is approved and funding to be received by MCC next week.
- Total Allocation of €75,000 for 2025 – Split 50:50 between Positive Mental Health & Reduction in NCD initiatives for 2025
- An underspend of €6,353.65 from 2024 will be carried into 2025 budget.

Outcome areas & target groups selected for County Meath: -

Outcome area 1 - Positive Mental Health

AL gave an overview in relation to Positive Mental Health and its projects outcomes and outputs.

- 12 initiatives ran in 2024
- Projects included:
 - Completion of CommUnity Connects
 - Mental Health Resource Pack
 - Positive mental health projects with YWIM
 - Foróige
 - Meath Travellers Workshop
- Social Farming, Woodlands for Health, Hand in Hand OT,
- Creative Project Our Lady's Hospital Navan & 3 initiatives under Micro Grant Funding
- **Key Partners included:**
 - Meath Travellers Workshop
 - Foróige
 - HSE
 - Youth Work Ireland Meath
- **Successes:**
 - Huge numbers participated in Mirco grant projects (Cuidiú positive parenting, Down Syndrome Meath Branch & Claremont Stadium World Mental Health Day)
 - Good engagement with partners & community groups

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Outcome area 2 - Chronic disease reduction summary

AL gave an overview in relation to Chronic Disease Reduction, its projects outcomes and outputs and Financial Reporting as follows:

- 14 initiatives ran in 2024
- Projects included:
 - Pharmacy Health Checks
 - SunSmart Programme
 - Yoga4Health
 - Physical Activity programmes for adolescents
 - Nutrition and cookery programmes
 - Healthy Lifestyle research project
 - Microfund projects

Key Partners included:

- Meath Travellers Workshop
- Foróige
- IHF, IPU & Community Pharmacies
- Meath Local Sports Partnership

Successes:

- Reach of projects
- Engagement with Community

Financial Reporting:

- Total HIF spend in 2023 of €101,458.55 out of a budget of €107,812.20
- Financial report was approved for 2024
- PMH Spend; €53,407.96
- NCD Spend; €48,050.59
- The underspend will be carried into 2025

Workplan 2025 - Positive Mental Health & Reduction in NCD Mortality:

- **AL** provided an overview of the projects and programmes that will be carried out in 2025 under the Positive Mental Health and Reduction in NCD Mortality themes including details of activities, partners, target groups and timelines. She noted that the budget for those themes is €32,500 each.

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	<p><u>Healthy Meath Micro Fund Scheme 2025:-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AL provided an overview of the Health Meath Micro fund Scheme 2025 applications that had been received. She noted that the funding for that Scheme for 2025 is €16,000 which is to be divided 50:50 between Healthy Lifestyle and Positive Mental Health projects. She noted that the proposed grant allocations were agreed by the Healthy Meath subcommittee at their meeting on 22nd April and she asked the LCDCC for their approval of same. <p>The grant proposals under the Healthy Meath Microfund 2025 were agreed on the proposal of SC and seconded by MM.</p> <p>SMcG asked if details of the works carried out by groups in relation to Health Meath Projects/Programmes are shared with the public.</p> <p>AL advised that a Healthy Meath newsletter is issued every 2 months and is very detailed and informative in relation to the works carried out under the programme. This newsletter is also shared via the PPN.</p> <p>BH stated that he plans to invite a couple of groups to an LCDCC meeting later in the year to give presentations on their projects.</p>
6.	<p>Agency updates</p> <p>There were no agency updates for today's meeting.</p>
7.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>BH asked the LCDCC to approve the amended SICAP subcontractor list as a number of additional subcontractors had been added to the list for 2025.</p> <p>The updated SICAP subcontractor list for 2025 was approved on the proposal of MM and seconded by CB.</p> <p>BH advised the LCDCC that the SICAP Team have chosen the thematic focus area of "Older People in Isolation" as their Case Study for 2025 and asked for their approval of same. He noted that the chosen theme is consistent with the case study theme guidelines issued by Pobal.</p> <p>The SICAP Case study theme for 2025 "Older People in Isolation" was approved on the proposal of BL and seconded by SC.</p> <p>SMcG thanked all for their attendance and noted that the next meeting would take place on 23rd May 2025.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 11.17 a.m.</p>

Signed:


Chairperson

Date:

23/5/2025

