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Meath Local Community Development Committee

# *Minontuairiscí / Meeting Minutes*

***Local Community Development Committee***
***Meeting – 25th July 2025 @ 10.35 a.m.***
***Held by phone conference/in person. Attendance was verified by roll call.***

**Presiding:**

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| Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG) | Farming Section Sector |

**Present:**

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| Cllr Edward Fennessy (EF) | Councillor, Meath County Council |
| Cllr Maria Murphy (MM) | Councillor, Meath County Council |
| 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 Noel Maguire (NM) | Trade Union Sector |
| Ms Ger Hogarty (GH) | Youth Work Ireland Meath |
| Ms Shola Yahya (SY) | Social Inclusion Sector |
| Ms Nicky Bowman (NB) | Community & Voluntary Sector |
| Mr Michael Gunn (MG) | Environmental Sector |

**Officials:**

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| 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**

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| Mr Gerry Boyle (GB) | A/Director of Services, Meath County Council |
| Cllr Padraig Coffey (PC) | Councillor, Meath County Council |
| Ms Johann McKeever (JMcK) | Health Service Executive |
| Ms Ciara Burke (CB) | Chamber of Commerce |
| Mr Joe English (JE) | Local Enterprise Office |
| Ms Sharon Curran (SC) | Department of Social Protection |
| Mr Garret O'Brien (GO'B) | Community & Voluntary Sector |



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| Item | Discussion / Action |
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| **1.** | **To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th June 2025**<br><br>The meeting commenced at 10.35 a.m.<br><br>**SMcG** welcome all to the meeting.<br><br>The minutes of the meeting held on 27th June 2025 were confirmed on the proposal of **MG** and seconded by **MM.** |
| **2.** | **Matters arising**<br><br>**BH** advised that there were no matters arising. |
| **3.** | **Correspondence**<br><br>**BH** advised that there were no items of correspondence. |
| **5.** | **To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)**<br><br>**BH** gave an update in relation to Meath PPN for the month of July as follows:<br><br>• Planning for the National Conference taking place in October continues. 6 meetings have taken place with DRCDG/MCC and Events & Communications team. It is expected that there will be 180 plus in attendance.<br>  ○ 4 Excursions on Thursday 16th October, with in-house training/networking<br>  ▪ Porchfields: Heritage & Biodiversity Walk (Env)<br>  ▪ Trim FRC: Mural Project & Food Bank (SI)<br>  ▪ Rathcairn: Gaeltacht visit agus ceiliúradh na Gaeilge (C&V, SI)<br>  ▪ Solas Glan: Community Gardens in Ardbraccan (SI, Env, C&V)<br>  ○ 4 Workshops on Friday 17th October<br>  ▪ Gnathoga Naduisubta<br>  ▪ Tipperary Community Mapping<br>  ▪ Cork City Podcast<br>  ▪ Crann Family Support<br>  ○ Minister Buttimer will deliver keynote address<br><br>• Staff attended Rainbow Refugee training in Dundalk Youth Service on Friday, July 11th hosted by Outcomers and LGBT Ireland.<br><br>• 3 Secretariat members attended 'Building Community Resilience in Times of Emergency' event in Portlaoise July 17th hosted by Laois, Tipperary and Leitrim PPNs with DRCDG. Findings from July will |



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| | continue into a workshop at the Conference.<br><br>• 787 groups are registered with Meath PPN.<br>  ○ 664 Community/Voluntary<br>  ○ 99 Social Inclusion<br>  ○ 24 Environment<br><br>**BH** advised that a further update will be given to the LCDC at their September meeting in relation to the event**.**<br><br>**MG** asked if names and contact details for the 24 groups registered under the Environmental Pillar with Meath PPN could be shared with the LCDC.<br><br>**BH** stated that under GDPR, only names of the groups are available on the PPN Website but a web address is also included. |
| **6.** | **Agency updates**<br><br>**BH** advised that there are no agency updates this month. |
| **7.** | **A.O.B.**<br><br>**BH** advised that B Lynch is currently on leave and G Boyle is Acting Director of Services in his absence. He noted that Gerry had sent his apologies as he has a diary clash with the LCDC meeting this morning but will attend the September meeting.<br><br>**BH** advised that he will invite the coordinator of the Windtown School Transport Initiative to the LCDC meeting in September to give a brief presentation and report on the Initiative which is funded through the dormant accounts fund and administered by the Community Section of Meath County Council.<br><br>**SMcG** thanked all for their attendance and noted that there will be no meeting of the LCDC in August and the next meeting will take place on 26th September 2025.<br><br>**The meeting concluded at 10.41 a.m.** |

**Signed:** _____ **Date:** 26th September 2025

**Chairperson**