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Local Community Development Committee
Meeting – 24th October 2025 @ 10.40 a.m.
Held by phone conference/in person. Attendance was verified by roll call.

Presiding:

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)	Farming Sector

Present:

Mr Barry Lynch (BL)	Director of Services, Meath County Council
Cllr Maria Murphy (MM)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Cllr Padraig Coffey (PC)	Councillor, Meath County Council
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
Mr Garret O'Brien (GO'B)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Mr Michael Gunn (MG)	Environmental Sector
Ms Marie Brennan (MB)	Social Inclusion Sector

Officials:

Mr Brian Hora (BH)	Senior Executive Officer, Community Dept, MCC
Ms Angie Mitchell (AM)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC

Apologies/Absent

Ms Johann McKeever (JMcK)	Health Service Executive
Cllr Edward Fennessy (EF)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Mr Joe English (JE)	Local Enterprise Office
Ms Sharon Curran (SC)	Department of Social Protection
Ms Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Ms Shola Yahya (SY)	Social Inclusion Sector
Ms Ciara Burke (CB)	Chamber of Commerce
Ms Nicky Bowman (NB)	Community & Voluntary Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	**To agree the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th September 2025** The meeting commenced at 10.40 a.m. The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2025 were confirmed on the proposal of **GH** and seconded by **MG.**
2.	**Matters arising** There were no matters arising from the minutes.
3.	**Correspondence** BH confirmed that there was no correspondence for circulation this month.
4.	**PPN Update** **BH** stated that there is no written report from the PPN staff this month as they have just held the National PPN Conference which took place in the Knightsbrook Hotel on 16th & 17th October. He confirmed that the Conference was hugely successful with over 200 in attendance over the two days. He noted that the talk on mis and mal information was very informative, as were the excursions, talks and discussions. He commended the PPN staff for their attention to detail in organizing every aspect of the event which had been planned over a 12-month period, and which had received very positive feedback from all who attended. He thanked the PPN staff, the Secretariat and the Community Staff who helped over the 2 days to make the National Conference such a success. **GOB** congratulated and thanked the PPN staff, and all involved for their work in preparing for this event, which had received such positive feedback overall and he said that he was proud to be part of the PPN Secretariat. **SMcG, MM, BH and BL** also thanked and congratulated the PPN Staff, and everyone involved in organizing this very successful Conference and for showcasing what County Meath has to offer. **BH** noted that the PPN membership continues to grow and that there are now 806 groups registered with Meath PPN.

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5.	**Agency Updates** **BH** advised that he had attended an LCDC Networking Event in October which he noted was very informative. He encouraged LCDC members to attend such events and gave an overview of what was discussed on the day as follows: 1. Review of the Guidelines for the Operation of the Local Community Development Committees 2016 and update on working group activities - Next Steps – final draft for Ministerial sign off 2. Update on LCDC Awareness Campaign – Training for LCDC staff and members across November and December (details to be circulated). 3. SICAP (including budgets) & Local Enhancement Programme Updates - Individual LCDC SICAP Allocations will be made available shortly - LEP expected to run on similar lines to 2025 Allocations will be made available shortly 4. Community & Voluntary Strategy & Volunteering Strategy updates (Consultation on-going). 5. Local Area Child Poverty Action Plan Pilots 6. Update on the rollout of the Local Community Safety Partnerships and development of the national strategy - Meath LCSP is in process of being established with inaugural meeting set early December 2026 7. Review of LECP 2-year Implementation Plans (Locally, we are in the process of developing a system and once operational, we will complete our 2-year update) 8. Socio-economic data for LCDC monitoring of the LECP Implementation Plans 9. Building Community Resilience - Response to aftermath of Storm Eowyn - Mapping of Community Resources (Locally we are close to finalising an initiative to coordinate support for older and vulnerable members of the community and details of same will be announced in the coming weeks. This process has been slow due to compliance with GDPR). **BH** advised that presentations and slides in relation to the event will be circulated when they are available**.** **SMcG** thanked **BH** for the detailed update. **MG** questioned if Community Hubs have now been identified around the Country. **BH** advised that a National Guidance Document is currently being prepared. **CL** stated that discussions are taking place at National Level in relation to funding to purchase equipment, however, he reminded the Committee that funding is available through the LEADER Programme for the purchase of such equipment and he encouraged groups to contact the LEADER team to enquire about funding.

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6.	**A.O.B.** **CL** asked for assistance from the Committee in relation to sourcing volunteers for the "Familiar Faces Programme" which is run by the Meath Partnership. This programme supports new migrants to County Meath by matching them with local community volunteers to support them in creating meaningful relationships in their new communities, to help build local knowledge, and a social network. He stated that this is a very valuable project but that additional volunteers are urgently needed. **CL** will forward details to **BH** who will circulate to the Committee. **CL** added that full training will be delivered to volunteers. **BL** recommended circulating this request for Volunteers through Meath PPN and **BH** agreed to do this. **BH** advised that a document had been circulated ahead of the meeting in relation to the Healthy Ireland Fund Plan for 2026 and the proposed targets and budget split for 2026. He noted that the document contains details of the proposed outcome areas and target groups selected for County Meath and the outcomes and outputs of both the "Positive Mental Health Project" and the "Reduction in Non-Communicable Disease Morality Project". It also includes details of the Healthy Ireland Fund Allocation for 2026 of €75,000 (which includes underspend from 2025), and budgets of €37,500 for each of the above-named projects. He noted that this plan was due to be approved by the LCDC and submitted to the DRCDG in August, but our Healthy Ireland Co-Ordinator was on maternity leave and has just completed the Plan now. The Health Ireland Fund Plan for 2026 was agreed on the proposal of **GOB** and seconded by **NM**. **BH** noted that a couple of new LCDC members have recently been appointed to the Committee, and he stated that if anyone would like any information in relation to any of the programmes covered by the LCDC, that they are welcome to contact him to discuss same. **SMcG** thanked all for their attendance and noted that the next meeting will take place a week earlier than usual on 21st November 2025. **The meeting concluded at 11.13 a.m.**

Signed: Seamus Mc Gee **Date:** 21st November 2025

Chairperson