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Meath Local Community Development Committee

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Local Community Development Committee
Date – 26th June 2026 @ 11.15 a.m.
Held at THRIVE Centre of Business Excellence/Online via Teams

Presiding:

Mr Seamus McGee (SMcG)	Farming Sector

Present:

Barry Lynch (BL)	Director of Services, Meath County Council
Cllr Padraig Coffey (PC)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Cllr Maria Murphy (MM)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Lorraine O'Malley (LO'M)	Department of Social Protection
Colin Ludlow (CL)	Meath Partnership
Shola Yahya (SY)	Social Inclusion Sector
Ciara Burke (CB)	Chamber of Commerce
Garret O'Brien (GO'B)	Community & Voluntary Sector
Michael Gunn (MG)	Environmental Sector
Marie Brennan (MB)	Social Inclusion Sector

Officials:

Brian Hora (BH)	Senior Executive Officer, Community Dept, MCC
Francis Regan (FR)	Administrative Officer, Community Dept, MCC
Angie Mitchell (AM)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC
Anne O'Brien (AOB)	Senior Staff Officer, Community Dept, MCC

Apologies/Absent

Cllr Edward Fennessy (EF)	Councillor, Meath County Council
Sadie Ward McDermott (SWMcD)	Louth Meath Education Training Board
Johann McKeever (JMcK)	Health Service Executive
Seán Ó Coisdealbha (SO'C)	Údarás na Gaeltachta
Ger Hogarty (GH)	Youth Work Ireland Meath
Noel Maguire (NM)	Trade Union Sector
Michelle Goodwin (MG)	Local Enterprise Office
Vacant	Community & Voluntary Sector

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Item	Discussion / Action
1.	**To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2026** The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May were confirmed on the proposal of **PC** and seconded by **MM**.
2.	**Matters arising** There were no matters arising from the minutes.
3.	**Correspondence** **BH** confirmed that there were 4 items of correspondence circulated since the May meeting as follows: • Call to Social Enterprises 2026 Census • ESF+ Call for Proposals on supporting access to the labour market for Roma young people • Launch of the 2026 What Works in Communities Fund • Launch of Public Consultation to inform a review of the Disability Act 2025 **BH** advised that if the LCDC would like to make a submission in relation to the consultation to inform a review of the Disability Act 2025, that he could prepare a submission and bring it to the next LCDC meeting for agreement.
4.	**To agree the SICAP Case Study 2026** **BH** stated that the 2026 SICAP Case Study will focus on initiatives delivered under the SICAP Goal 1 action Legacy 4 Meath in the Oaklawns and Mineview areas in Navan. The case study is centered on the SICAP Thematic Focus Area of Climate Action and the Just Transition, demonstrating how collaborative, community-led environmental initiatives can strengthen wellbeing, community participation and social inclusion. He added that the case study will demonstrate how partnership working, community engagement and climate action can combine to deliver meaningful and lasting benefits for disadvantaged communities. The case study will also highlight how activities including gardening programmes, summer camps and outdoor learning opportunities are contributing to residents utilising green spaces, developing practical skills, increased environmental awareness, improved health and wellbeing outcomes and strengthened community connections. The SICAP case study 2026 theme was agreed on the proposal of **PC** and seconded by **BL**. **BH** stated that he hopes to launch the 2026 SICAP Case study later in the year similar to the launch of the 2025 Case study.

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5.	**To receive an update on the Public Participation Network (PPN)** BH advised that the PPN update for May had been circulated to the Committee prior to today's meeting as follows: The report for Meath PPN Plenary is available here. The plenary serves as a critical forum for PPN member groups, providing a structured and inclusive platform to strengthen and enhance collaborative impact across the network. It enables member organisations to inform the workplan, share best practice, and collectively identify emerging challenges and opportunities within the community and voluntary sector. An exploratory meeting with Jigsaw's Youth Advocacy group was held around opportunities for young people to participate in their communities. This included addressing the Five Ways to Wellbeing and supporting mental health. The meeting also discussed the potential for young people to be more involved with the PPN at a board level. As part of Refugee Week, Meath PPN delivered a workshop on how people can become more involved in supporting integration and providing a platform for marginalised voices. The Civic Dollars project was also mentioned as a means to supporting ones' own mental health by getting outside and being active in Meath's public spaces, and also by donating dollars to local groups, enhancing their communities. **Membership Update** Meath PPN membership currently stands at 861, representing an increase of 7 groups since May. • Community Pillar: 717 (up from 713 in May) • Environment Pillar: 26 (no change) • Social Inclusion Pillar: 118 (up from 115 in May) **MG** queried if the Civic Dollars initiative has been rolled out to schools. **BH** said that he will speak to the PPN Staff regarding this query.
6..	**A.O.B.** **BH** said that he was contacted by Pobal who asked him to do a presentation on the SICAP Case Study 2025 at an upcoming SICAP information workshop event. **SMcG** thanked all for their attendance today and noted that the next meeting will be held on Friday 24th July 2026.

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	The meeting concluded at 11.22 a.m.

Signed: Seamus Mc Gee **Date:** 24th July 2026

Chairperson