

**Sligo Local Community Development Committee
Thursday 2nd July 2015, 9.30am, City Hall, Sligo**

PRESENT

- Councillor Sean MacManus, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Councillor Seamus Kilgannon, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Councillor Sinead Maguire, **Local Government Member, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. John Reilly, **Local Government / LEO, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Ciarán Hayes, **Local Government /CE, Sligo County Council**
- Mr. Frank Morrison, **State Agency, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE**
- Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer, **State Agency, Department of Social Protection**
- Ms. June Murphy, **Local Development Sector, Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd**
- Mr. Paul Keyes, **Business Interests, Sligo Chamber of Commerce**
- Mr. Sean Tempany, **Farming / Agriculture Interests, Farming / Agriculture Pillar**
- Mr. Michael Kirby, **Environmental Interests, Environment Pillar (PPN)**
- Mr. Gerard O'Connor, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**
- Ms. Bernadette Maughan, **Social Inclusion, PPN**
- Ms. Sharon Boles, **Social Inclusion, PPN**

APOLOGIES

- Mr. Hugh MacConville, **Trade Union Interests, Irish Congress of Trade Unions**
- Mr. Chris Gonley, **Local Development Sector, Sligo LEADER Partnership Co. Ltd**
- Ms. Jackie Sweeney, **Community AND Voluntary, PPN**
- Mr. Michael Burke, **State Agency, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB**

IN ATTENDANCE

- Ms. Dorothy Clarke, **Chief Officer LCDC, Sligo County Council**
- Ms. Síofra Kilcullen, **Administrative Officer, Sligo County Council**
- Ms. Fiona Gilligan, **Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**
- Ms. Maria Collery, **A/Assistant Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**
- Ms. Geraldine Timlin, **Assistant Staff Officer, Sligo County Council**

Vote of sympathy:

Councillor Sean MacManus extended sympathy, on behalf of all members of the LCDC, to the Connolly family on the death of Mrs. Bridget Connolly, Council staff member in Teach Laighne, Tubbercurry.

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1. DECLARATIONS RE: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Ms. June Murphy (Sligo Leader Partnership Company) declared an interest in SICAP.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of last meeting held on the 7th May 2015 were proposed by Cllr Seamus Kilgannon and seconded by Mr. Paul Keyes.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

a. LCDC Information Session for Chief Officers, Chairpersons and Elected Members (22/7/2015 – Cavan)

Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised of Capacity Building /Information session to be held in Cavan on 22nd July.

b. REDZ Pilot Initiative

The Chief Officer advised of correspondence issued from the DECLG whereby Minister Ann Phelan is inviting local authorities in co-operation with their relevant REDZ communities to submit an application to be considered as part of the REDZ Pilot Initiative. Closing date for applications is 31st August 15. Total budget nationally is €2 million with match funding required by local authorities. Mr. John Reilly is to check the percentage required for match funding as there seems to be some contradiction between guidelines issued 17th June and information given at seminar on 29th June.

c. Press Release on funding allocation for PPNs

Funding allocation of €2.48 million announced for PPNs. Each local authority to receive €80,000 in respect of their PPN; €50,000 from Central government with €30,000 from the local authority. The department have confirmed that staff costs can be considered as part of the Local authority's contribution. The Secretariat is to identify on how funds can be maximised to support the development of the PPN.

d. Dormant Accounts Fund

€5million from Dormant accounts fund to be used to address disadvantage across a range of measures. Correspondence to be circulated to Members. Closing date for receipt of applications is 22nd July '15. Possible initiative identified around rural youth. LCDC to look at making an application. Mr. Frank Morrison advised that the HSE would have an interest in de-congregating residents from campuses into more independent living. Ms. Bernadette Maughan suggested an application on Youth Mental Health Initiative.

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e. **Community Foods Initiatives**

E-mail received from Ms. Georgina Buffini at Healthy Food for All.

Presentation from Community Foods Initiatives to be included on Agenda for upcoming LCDC meeting was proposed by Councillor Sinead Maguire and seconded by Ms. Sharon Boles.

5. LOCAL ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY PLAN (LECP) – DRAFT REPORT

a. **Community Elements**

LCDC is responsible for community elements of LECP. Ms. Siofra Kilcullen went through draft report circulated to LCDC. Members are to give feedback on Community Development objectives listed. Ms. Sharon Boles suggested that an Action be included 'to support the delivery of the Children & Young People's services Committee plan' thereby improving co-ordination of services & outcomes for children & young people.

Mr. Michael Kirby suggested that there be stronger emphasis on environmental sustainability and that the word 'Environment' be included in the overarching vision. The wording on some objectives is to be amended to include the word environment also.

b. **Integrated economic and community elements**

Integrated report to be circulated to LCDC members.

c. **Timeline**

Timeline regarding important dates for LECP was circulated to members.

Councillor Sean MacManus, Chair and Mr. Ciaran Hayes, CE acknowledged the work carried out by the staff on the LECP to date and all agencies who had contributed. The formal adoption of the Community elements of the Plan is to be included on Agenda for LCDC meeting 30th July

6. RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (LEADER)

Ms. June Murphy advised that Expressions of Interest for the delivery of the Rural Development programme are still being assessed by the department.

Department/Pobal are to host an information event in Tullamore on the 16th July regarding Stage 2: Local Development Strategy Selection Process under the LEADER Programme 2014-2020.

7. SICAP

a. **Noting of Annual Plan**

Annual Plan report circulated to members. Ms. June Murphy (SLPCo) advised that the midyear targets set are realistic and achievable. A report on actions in the plan is to be circulated at next meeting.

b. **Nominees for Sub-committee to monitor SICAP**

Decision to be made on nominees to sub-committee at next LCDC meeting on 30th July.

Minimum of 3 Members. Terms of Reference to be drafted for sub-committee.

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8. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to Members. 340 groups registered with PPN to date.

9. AOB

Ms. Bernadette Maughan queried the status of the Joint Policing Committee and was advised that the JPC is to be re-established shortly.

Further clarification to be sought from IFA on figures listed under Agriculture of the Socio-Economic analysis.

LECP Advisory Committee to meet in advance of next LCDC meeting.

Meeting concluded at 11.20a.m.