



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 6th April 2017 at 9.30a.m., City Hall, Sligo

Present

Cllr. Sinéad Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr. Séamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Cllr. Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer	State Agency	Dept. Of Social Protection
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Des Faul	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Mr. Gerard O'Connor	Community & Voluntary	PPN

Apologies

Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Mr. Frank Morrison	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Ms. Sharon Boles	Social Inclusion	PPN
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Bernadette Maughan	Social Inclusion	PPN

In Attendance

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	Chief Officer LCDC	Sligo County Council
Ms. Margaret McConnell	Senior Executive Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Aisling Smyth	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Jimmy O'Brien	Administrative Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Maria Collery	A/ Assistant Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Geraldine Timlin	Assistant Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Karen Gallagher	Peace Administrator	Sligo County Council
<i>Ms. June Murphy</i>		<i>Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG (SICAP item)</i>

In the absence of Chairperson and in accordance with Guidelines for the Operation of LCDCs, Ms. Dorothy Clarke as Chief Officer chaired the meeting until the new Chair was elected. Ms. Clarke welcomed Cllr Chris MacManus to the LCDC who is replacing Cllr Seán MacManus as an Elected Member on the LCDC.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Ms. Dorothy Clarke read an extract in relation to ‘**Matters concerning the position of Chairperson**’ from the revised Guidelines for the Operation of Local Community Development Committees (issued Dec 2016).

Cllr Séamus Kilgannon proposed Cllr Sinéad Maguire be elected as Chairperson. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville.

Mr. Seán Tempany proposed Cllr Chris MacManus as Chairperson. Cllr MacManus thanked Mr. Tempany for this proposal however he declined being considered for the position at this time and withdrew as nominee.

As there were no other nominees, Cllr Sinéad Maguire was deemed to be elected as Chair of Sligo LCDC. Cllr Maguire took the chair.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley (Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG.) declared an interest in SICAP

3. MINUTES &

4. MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of last meeting held on the 26th January 2017 were circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the minutes of 26th January be amended to include suggestions made by members as to sectoral representation on the Economic Forum under Item 5 – Local Economic & Community Plan. Updated minutes from January meeting to be circulated to members.

5. SICAP UPDATE FROM SLIGO LEADER PARTNERSHIP CLG

SICAP update report as submitted by Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG was circulated to Members. Ms. June Murphy went through the report and advised Members that budgets are committed under all goals. Cllr Sinéad Maguire thanked Ms. Murphy and asked that the SICAP report be updated to include annotations with regards numbering of actions under SICAP goals.

It was noted that young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs) are a difficult target group to identify/reach; however Ms. Murphy confirmed that Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG is confident that the 2017 target for NEETs will be achieved.

Ms. Murphy advised that training courses under SICAP are advertised through Community Groups notes, the PPN, posters displayed in Family Resource Centres.

Ms. Margaret McConnell advised Members of recent e-mail from Pobal in relation to SICAP site visits/verification visits. The Department are requesting that LCDCs undertake site visits as part of monitoring of SICAP. Ms. McConnell asked that Members identify projects in SICAP that they would be interested in visiting.

Cllr Séamus Kilgannon, Mr. Hugh MacConville and Cllr Chris MacManus expressed an interest in the collaboration project with the GAA which is ongoing at Scarden this week – a visit is to be arranged for Friday 7th April.

Mr. Kieran O'Dwyer and Ms. Mary Brodie are to visit the 'Start your own business' training course in the Yeats Building – date to be confirmed with SLPC.

Mr. Gerry O'Connor advised members that the GAA's Centre of Excellence at Scarden, Strandhill Road will be officially opened on the 14th May. Mr. O'Connor confirmed that meeting facilities are available at the Centre. It was suggested that a future meeting of the LCDC be held in Scarden.

6. LOCAL ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY PLAN

- **Update Report on aspects of the LECP**
- **Presentation by Joe Gethin on the Cranmore Regeneration Project**

It was noted that TúsIa had been invited to make a presentation but were unavailable to attend the meeting, their presentation is deferred to a future meeting of the LCDC.

Mr. Joe Gethin circulated a report to Members advising of an update on the Cranmore Regeneration Project which was officially launched by Minister Simon Coveney on the 1st December 2016.

Action 4.1.3 of the Local Economic & Community Plan is to '*Develop, implement and review the social regeneration plan for Sligo East City Area: Cranmore and Environs*'. The Regeneration project will include the physical, social and economic regeneration of Cranmore and will involve an interagency approach with 12 lead agencies and numerous others as support.

Cllr Maguire thanked Mr. Gethin for his presentation.

Cllr Chris MacManus also thanked Mr. Gethin for the update on the Cranmore Project and commended the local community in Cranmore for keeping faith in the project which commenced in 2004. Cllr MacManus advised of positive feedback from the Cranmore community and he congratulated the staff of the Regeneration office and the Council for work to date on the project.

Cllr MacManus queried the timeline with regards commencement of the physical refurbishment of houses in Cranmore. Mr. Gethin advised that the process is underway in setting up a technical development team, to prepare the Capital appraisal of projects and planning permission. It is hoped that the projects (namely the new Community Centre and the refurbishment of Cranmore Place/Cranmore Drive) will be ready to commence by the end of 2017.

Cllr Sinéad Maguire commended the Project team and the 3 tier strategy developed.

Cllr Maguire queried expenditure to date on the Cranmore Project which Mr. Gethin advised is in the region of €20 million.

Mr. Chris Gonley also complimented the team on work to date.

Mr. Gerry O'Connor added that the Cranmore Regeneration Project will have a positive impact on Sligo.

7. EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERING CAPITAL 2017 UPDATE

Report was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Margaret McConnell went through this report. The formulation of a legacy will be important for the year.

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Geraldine Timlin briefed Members on the work of the PPN and advised of an upsurge in number of groups registered with the PPN. Groups must be registered with the PPN in order to avail of grant assistance from the County Council (with the exception of Burial ground grants)

A National PPN Conference to be hosted in Sligo is planned for Sept/October 2017. As Sligo is the European Volunteering Capital for 2017 this conference will have a specific focus on Volunteering.

LCDC members to be circulated with names of the PPN Secretariat. The Secretariat is currently looking at PPN representation on committees, including the LCDC – omit as this is perhaps more of an internal matter for the secretariat.

It was agreed that the PPN should also be represented on Economic Forum.

9. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE.

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Ms. Aisling Smyth went through this report and advised members that the Council has completed the recruitment process for the Peace Administrator and Peace Manager. Ms. Karen Gallagher, Peace Administrator was welcomed to the team. A submission was forwarded to the Special European Union Projects Board (SEUPB) in relation to the allocation of the €87,580 unapproved (Note - of full allocation of €860,866 under Peace IV Programme for Sligo, the SEUPB approved funding in the amount of €773,286.74 to date)

The SEUPB have developed an online database to manage the implementation of the PEACE IV Programme. A training programme on project implementation will be rolled out over the coming months.

Cllr Chris MacManus commended Ms. Smyth and team on work to date on the Peace IV Programme. Cllr MacManus expressed his disappointment that Sligo's funding under Peace has been reduced in comparison with other counties. This matter had been discussed at a previous meeting of the LCDC and a letter of appeal had issued to the SEUPB with regards shortfall in funding. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised Members that funding is allocated under headings of Population and the Deprivation Index. Sligo is placed twelfth in terms of wealth with a population similar in size to Cavan/Monaghan. Ms. Clarke is to follow up again with the SEUPB. It was noted that the length of the border is not taken into account for funding.

10. COMMUNITY FACILITIES SCHEME

Report was circulated to Members with Application form and Guidelines, in advance of the meeting. Ms. Dorothy Clarke advised Members that the scheme was launched by Minister Catherine Byrne at a SICAP event held in Sligo on the 10th March. Funding is for capital projects with €2million available nationally, each local authority has been allocated €64,500 for 2017. In general, the maximum amount to be approved for any one project is €1,000. Applications are to be approved by the Municipal District upon recommendation of the LCDC. The Scheme will be advertised immediately after this meeting of the LCDC with closing date of 30th June for receipt of applications.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- **The Public Sector Duty - Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC) Act 2014**

Department e-mail dated 23rd March 2017 was circulated to members. Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission Act 2014 places a positive duty on public sector bodies to have regard to eliminate discrimination, promote equality and protect human rights in their daily work. Consideration of this duty to be given during the development, planning and consultation process for the next SICAP being introduced in 2018.

The department's e-mail also referenced the very positive feedback received from the Gender Equality Division and the IHREC in relation to SICAP's range of actions to promote gender equality since its introduction in April 2015.

12. AOB

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 11.30 a.m.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairperson