



Minutes of Meeting of Sligo Local Community Development Committee

Thursday 13th December 2018 at 9.30a.m., Council Chamber, City Hall, Sligo

PRESENT

Councillor Sinéad Maguire	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Councillor Chris MacManus	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. John Reilly	Local Government / LEO	Sligo County Council
Ms. Mary Brodie	State Agency	Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB
Mr. Aidan Doyle	Business Interests	Sligo Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Hugh MacConville	Trade Union Interests	Irish Congress of Trade Unions
Mr. Chris Gonley	Local Development Sector	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
Mr. Seán Tempany	Farming / Agriculture Interests	Farming / Agriculture Pillar
Mr. Michael Kirby	Environmental Interests	Environment Pillar (PPN)
Mr. Finbarr Filan	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Ms. Elizabeth King	Social Inclusion	PPN

APOLOGIES

Councillor Séamus Kilgannon	Local Government Member	Sligo County Council
Mr. Ciarán Hayes	Local Government /CE	Sligo County Council
Ms. Patricia Garland	State Agency	Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan HSE
Ms. Máirín Haran	State Agency	Dept. of Social Protection
Ms. Jackie Sweeney	Community & Voluntary	PPN
Dr. Jennifer Van Aswegen	Social Inclusion	PPN

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms. Dorothy Clarke	LCDC Chief Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. Margaret McConnell	Senior Executive Officer	Sligo County Council
Mr. Jude Mannion	A/Senior Staff Officer	Sligo County Council

Ms. Fiona Gilligan	Staff Officer	Sligo County Council
Ms. June Murphy	Programme Manager	Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG
<i>Mr. Martin McAndrew For Peace IV Update</i>	Peace Manager	Sligo County Council

1. PHOTO CALL

Mr. Donal Hackett, Photographer was engaged to take photos of individual members and also a group shot of the LCDC before the meeting started.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Chris Gonley declared an interest in SICAP.

3. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 18TH OCTOBER 2018

Minutes of the last meeting held on the 18th October 2018 were proposed by Mr. Michael Kirby seconded by Mr. Finbarr Filan and agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5. UPDATE ON LECP IMPLEMENTATION:

- a) **General Update on LECP**
- b) **Healthy Ireland**

a) Report on **General Update on the LECP** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion outlined the report and advised that the Advisory Steering Group subcommittee met on 28th November to discuss ongoing review of actions in the Plan with a focus on the themes of Employment & Sustainable Economic Activity; Education & Training and Health & Wellbeing.

With regards timeframe for delivery of actions under Employment & Sustainable Economic Activity, the Steering Group noted that the nature of many of the actions capture the core activity of the Local Enterprise Office and it was agreed that such actions would be considered 'ongoing' and that a progress update would be sought just once a year. Under the Education theme, the Group noted that the MSLETB is responsible for the delivery of many of the actions which could now be considered 'completed'. Under the theme of Health & Wellbeing, the Group noted that opportunities presented by the Healthy Ireland Fund have been instrumental in the delivery by lead agencies of a number of actions in the theme.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire acknowledged Mr. Mannion's work and that of the Advisory Steering Group in reviewing actions in the LECP. Councillor Maguire asked if an event to promote the Healthy Ireland Fund was planned. Mr. Mannion advised that a showcase event will be arranged for March/April 2019 for agencies who have delivered projects under Healthy Ireland.

It was noted that this event could serve to promote the work of the LCDC also.

b) Report on the **Healthy Ireland Fund** was circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jude Mannion briefed Members and advised that all reporting in respect of the 2017 – 2018 Scheme (Round 1) was completed in full and payments issued to the delivery partner agencies. With regards Healthy Ireland Fund 2018/2019 (Round 2), Mr. Mannion advised of new templates issued by Pobal which will assist in delivery agencies in reporting back to the LCDC. To date no substantial expenditure has been incurred under Round 2. It is expected that the bulk of the delivery of actions will occur in January/February 2019 with delivery partner agencies working towards a completion date at the end of March 2019. Ms Sarah Wetherald has met with the agencies in her role as Healthy Ireland Coordinator. Mr. Mannion advised that funds have been ring-fenced to produce a video with agencies invited to participate and showcase their projects under Healthy Ireland.

6. SICAP UPDATE

- a) **Update on 2018 Plan to date**
2018 End year Review/Annual Progress - Timeline
- b) **2019 Plan**
Recommendation of the SI & SICAP Monitoring Committee
Approval in principle of 2019 Annual Plan

a) Report circulated to Members in advance of the meeting. Ms. June Murphy, County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG, outlined **progress on SICAP to date in 2018**. Under Goal 1 (Supporting Local Community Groups), Ms. Murphy advised that 80% of the annual target of 45 groups was achieved as at 7th December per report with 36 groups supported. Under Goal 2 (Supporting Individuals) the annual target of 431 has been overachieved with 510 individuals supported at 7th December, 62% of which are from the 'Unemployed' target group. With regards non-caseload disadvantaged children and families, Ms. Murphy advised of 723 supported in DEIS schools around the county. It was noted that there are some data issues to sort out on IRIS before the deadline of the 15th January 2019 for submission of 2018 end-year reports.

b) With regards the **SICAP Annual Plan 2019**, Ms. Margaret McConnell reminded members of the targets under the Key Performance Indicators and the inclusion of Substance Misusers as the Emerging Needs Group as agreed at the LCDC meeting on the 18th October. Since the October meeting, Mr. Hugh MacConville and Ms. Sarah Wetherald have met with Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG to discuss the 2019 Plan. Ms. McConnell advised that Pobal also carried out a parallel review of the Plan submitted on IRIS.

Mr. MacConville commented on the flexibility within SICAP 2018 – 2022 which allows for focus on meeting needs locally. It had been noted at the meeting with SLPC that the programme should be looked at on a multi-annual basis with plans to be developed with a 2 to 3 year vision in mind rather than 1 year. It was further noted that there are other agencies delivering on social inclusion under education etc and it is important to work with these agencies in delivering SICAP.

Ms. June Murphy advised that actions in the Annual Plan have been reduced from twenty in 2018 to ten in 2019 (3 actions under Goal 1 and 7 under Goal 2). Under the Programme Requirements, however, there must be a minimum of four actions under each goal. Ms. Murphy advised that SLPC will add another action under Goal 1 in order to meet Requirements and members were satisfied with this approach. Mr. MacConville advised that Ms. Pauline Perry, Pobal Development Co-

ordinator, had sought detail on areas where supports will be delivered under SICAP and Ms. Murphy advised that this has always been an issue as many of the most disadvantaged communities are very dispersed and appear in small numbers within less disadvantaged areas. Mr. MacConville advised that the SICAP Committee will confirm this issue to Pobal.

LCDC approval in principle to the 2019 Annual Plan was proposed by Mr. Finbarr Filan, seconded by Mr. Hugh MacConville and agreed by all.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire acknowledged the work of Mr. MacConville, Ms. Wetherald and SLPC on the 2019 Plan.

7. PPN UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Michael Kirby briefed Members on update and advised that the PPN promotional video has gone live and can be viewed on the PPN website. Mr. Kirby commented on the successful Celebrating Community Event on 7th December hosted by the Council, the PPN and the Volunteer Centre and at which the PPN commissioned sculpture commemorating Sligo's designation as European Volunteer Capital 2017 was unveiled at Doorly Park.

Appendix 1 of the PPN report outlined Workshop feedback from the PPN plenary held in the Clayton Hotel on the 28th November. Mr. Kirby advised that a Grants Information event is planned for January 2019 to help build community groups capacity to apply for funding. Mr. Kirby noted that there has been a lot of activity under PPN in the last few months and acknowledged the work of Ms. Sarah Wetherald and Ms. Antoinette Carney. Mr. Kirby also acknowledged the work of Ms. Bettina Seitz on the Art piece.

In response to query raised by Mr. Chris Gonley regarding the use of the word 'we' in the PPN report circulated, Mr. Finbarr Filan advised that this referred to is the feedback from the groups in attendance at the plenary. Mr. Filan noted that the groups at the workshop were quite large with very diverse views.

Ms. Margaret McConnell clarified that groups present were asked to give feedback on key issues for the members of each PPN College and Ms. Wetherald captured this feedback, as stated, which will now inform the 2019 PPN Work plan. It was further noted that the feedback is not necessarily an agreed position of the PPN nor did it need to be 'agreed' by the LCDC, just noted.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire suggested that it be renamed to read 'Workshop Feedback/Comments from individuals/groups'.

Members were in agreement to renaming of the Appendix.

8. PEACE IV PROGRAMME UPDATE

Report circulated to members in advance of the meeting. Mr. Martin McAndrew briefed Members on programme update with regards implementation.

Councillor Sinéad Maguire noted the detailed report and commented on the range and diversity of projects being delivered.

Mr. Michael Kirby commented on the recent Armistice Commemoration event organised by Lest Sligo Forgets which received funding under the Small Grants Fund. Mr. Kirby noted that this event was a

great example of a Peace project and had received very positive feedback making national news headlines.

Councillor Maguire agreed with Mr. Kirby's comments and asked that the LCDC comments be conveyed to the organisers.

Councillor Chris MacManus commented on the lack of symbolism at the event. Councillor MacManus also queried payments to date under Peace and Mr. McAndrew advised that all claims submitted have been paid out by SEUPB. Councillor MacManus commended Mr. McAndrew on the work carried out under Peace.

9. AWARENESS/PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF LCDC – UPDATE

Further to discussion at previous meetings of the LCDC Ms. Margaret McConnell advised members of publicity material purchased to assist in the promotion of the work of the LCDC, e.g. banners and coriboard signs for Healthy Ireland, SICAP, PPN and Age Friendly programmes.

A photo call had been organised for this meeting and headshots will be arranged for LCDC members who were unavailable to attend this morning.

Ms. McConnell also advised of the Council's End of Year Supplement report which will be published in the Sligo Champion in December and will include the work of the LCDC.

Ms. McConnell noted that SICAP site visits are ongoing with two new projects to be identified for visit by LCDC members during Quarter 1 of 2019. Photos from these verification/site visits will be shared on social media.

Ms. McConnell suggested that member agencies on the LCDC promote the work of the Committee on their websites also. It was also suggested that meetings of the LCDC could be held elsewhere instead of in the Council Chamber. This approach would be in keeping with the spirit of collaboration of the LCDC.

With regards promotion of the LAG, Ms. McConnell commented on the recent visit of An Taoiseach to the Reading Wing, Collooney and of the invitation from Ballisodare United FC to the contract signing for the All Weather Playing Facility which was approved for funding under the LEADER Programme. Ms. McConnell asked that Members contact the LCDC office if they become aware of the promotion of an LCDC/LAG funded event in their area so that notification of same can be circulated to LAG members. Councillor Maguire was in attendance at the contract signing in Ballisodare as was Ms. Dorothy Clarke and Mr Finbarr Filan. Councillor Maguire encouraged Members to attend launch events if possible.

The work of the LCDC is also promoted through approval of funding under the Community Enhancement Programme; the Healthy Ireland Fund and the Peace IV Programme. Ms. McConnell advised of giant reusable cheques which are now available for presentation of funds to community groups.

Ms. McConnell proposed the production of a video to promote of the work of the LCDC.

Members were reminded of the upcoming Grants Information event to be held on the 30th January which is being organised by Sligo County Council in conjunction with Sligo PPN, the MSLETB, Sligo Volunteer Centre and County Sligo LEADER Partnership CLG.

Ms. McConnell noted the collaborative nature of the LCDC membership and the opportunity for agencies represented on the Committee to raise awareness of their work also.

Mr. Aidan Doyle agreed with the idea of raising awareness of member agencies and advised that the Chamber of Commerce would be happy to host the first meeting of the LCDC in 2019 and give an outline of the work of the Chamber at that meeting.

Ms. Dorothy Clarke suggested that a meeting be held in Tubbercurry or elsewhere outside Sligo town as the LCDC is a countywide committee.

Ms. Mary Brodie advised that the MSLETB could accommodate a meeting at the Training centre in Ballytivnan.

Mr. Michael Kirby suggested that the LCDC set up a twitter account and Ms. McConnell advised that this suggestion will be explored.

10. PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 2019 LCDC/LAG MEETINGS

Dates for 2019 meetings of the LCDC to be circulated to Members for noting. The next meeting of the LCDC is scheduled for the 21st February 2019 in the Chamber of Commerce.

11. AOB

There were no items for discussion.

Meeting concluded at 11.05a.m.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____